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## Arok gets job

A last minute change of mind by the ASF gave St. George supremo Frank Arok the commission to prepare Australia for the three matches against England in June.

It was firmly believed that, partly under the influence of recently appointed team manager Andrew Lederer, the honor would go to Sydney City's Eddie Thomson, his long-time club associate.

This view was shared by ASF chief Sir Arthur George who all but announced Thomson's appointment at a press conference two weeks ago.

Then the long dormant World Cup subcommittee entered the picture and demanded a say.

The result: last Saturday Arok received the unanimous nod of Peter McCann and his committee members.

It is also understood that Arok has accepted the offer on the condition that he will have a say in the selection of the original squad, not just the final team.

Even one week ago he said he was in two minds about the offer.

"Unless I have a free hand, I am in a no-win situation," he said.

"If Les Scheinflug picks the original squad for me, on his own, I won't accept.

"Why? It's simple. If we do well against England, it was due to the squad picked for me. If we do badly, I mucked up a brilliant team."



Olympic's Marshall Soper (left) and Westad's Robbie Dunn in a fight for possession.

## \$pon\$or\$ for Saints, Marconi

If it's not quite a lifesaver, it's at least a most welcome manna from heaven: both Marconi and St. George secured substantial sponsors just before the season kick-off.

Marconi's new 'angel' is Gyprock, part of the huge CSR Group—rated among Australia's top 10 companies.

For 1983, Gyprock are

believed to be forking out some \$25,000 in cash—with more in the offing if the team does well.

St. George have been partially adopted by a marketing company called '4-Sight'—managed by former top goalie Bill Rorke and by Peerless sporting goods manufacturers.

Both are believed to be long-term arrangements,

worth about \$125,000 over a number of years.

This is the first major sponsorship the Saints have ever secured.

For Marconi, however, it's anything but first time: they have had backing from Rosso Antico, from a supermarket complex and more recently from Datsun, all for limited periods.

## Greek giants topple

The two 'millionaires,' the de luxe Greek-backed clubs Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne, got off to a pauper's start in the NSL.

Olympic, bristling with national team stars, went down to a shock home defeat while South Melbourne rescued only one point from a Sydney visit.

Both teams could be suffering from over-exposure to high powered publicity which—labelled them as unbeatable.

Meanwhile, last year's two top sides, Sydney City and St George cruised to steady wins, collecting the new maximum of three points.

So did Heidelberg, West Adelaide and Preston.

One of the disturbing features of the opening round was the string of dismal attendances.

Marconi, St George, Adelaide City and Lions all had disappointing crowds—while Wollongong's turn-up was outright frightening.

## Fiji's 'Nein' to Rudi

The coaching clinic former Australian national coach, Rudi Gutendorf was to hold in Fiji this month will have to be postponed.

The reason: From the country's 21 affiliated districts only three coaches applied to attend the course.

"Very poor," is how Fiji FA secretary Younas Hanif described the response.

Gutendorf was made available to the FFA by the West German government as a goodwill gesture.

Maybe the Fijians have a good reason to look a gift horse in the mouth.

The three applicants for the course included the coach of a struggling second division club plus one outfit a piece from Nadi and Suva.

Gutendorf arrived in Fiji on Saturday, ostensibly to hold clinics in each of the country's three divisions and then a four-day camp for the national team over the Easter weekend.

The courses may now be abandoned—or the application deadlines extended.

But the national team's camp will go ahead.

Meanwhile, all the black looks on the island come from our Rudi...



Lions defender J. Simes (right) outjumping a Sydney City opponent in last Sunday's match. Pic by Carlos Picasso.

## BARCELONA HAILS CESAR

Possibly the world's richest, most ambitious and best supported club, FC Barcelona, have signed former Argentinian national coach Luis Cesar Menotti as their new manager.

Cesars don't come cheap even nowadays: Menotti's two-year contract guarantees him \$700,000—plus extras if the team does well.

In Barcelona he will team up with his former protegee, Diego Maradona.

The German Udo Lattek—who was on a 'mere' \$500,000 for two years—received a generous Spanish golden handshake when he was released from his contract two months ahead of schedule.

Lattek will probably have a quiet holiday now counting his money while Menotti faces the immensely difficult task of shaking up his talented squad where the German enfant terrible Bernd Schuster, among others, all want to play prime donna roles.



Menotti: on \$700,000



Maradona: reunion



# Soccer in Hawaii carries that Aloha flavor

Old soccer players need not die; they can simply go to Honolulu and have a pleasant time.

This is exactly what I did, too, recently, at the generous invitation of Ken Grover from Stephens Travel and Pan Am.

The occasion was the Third Royal Hawaiian Masters' Tournament for players over 30. And in case 'royal' surprises you: Hawaii is the only American state which did have a royal house, back in the old Polynesian days.

There were 16 teams there, all amateurs but including no less than 47 former professionals and some internationals, too.

And I sincerely doubt if any of them ever had more fun in his career before.

Without hesitation I can recommend next year's tourney to any veteran Australian team which wants to play in an international tournament under the most marvellous conditions.



SUSAN HARRINGTON

Soccer was played in an excellent spirit against a magnificent backdrop.

The early round-robin games were staged at Kapiolani Park, wedged in

## KEN IS NOW A SAINT

Former Sydney Olympic star sweeper-cum striker, Kenny Wilson, has been snapped up by St George B.S.C. after getting a free clearance from Olympic's Tommy Docherty.

Saints' manager, Frank Arok, was very quick to win the scramble in signing Wilson.

Since Wilson's transfer was announced there was a mad race to acquire his services.

Melita, Ku-ring-Gai, Leichhardt, Preston, Croatia and Heidelberg lavished their attention on Wilson.

By John Economos who returned recently from Honolulu



## ROYAL HAWAIIAN WORLD SPORTS

between the majestic Diamond Head and the sprawling Waikiki Beach, two of the world's greatest tourist attractions.

Any minute you expected a Gauguin-aiden to emerge from the shadows; instead we had as spectators bikini-clad Americans and honeymooning Japanese.

**Sports Travel specialists Stephens of Sydney packaged the tour and shipped the teams to Hawaii with Pan Am World Airways.**

**More about Pan Am later.**

Stephens' Ken Grover and his charming assistant Gillian Harman made my arrangements and no traveller could ever wish for more.

In Hawaii, an extraordinary character by the name of Dennis Minga took charge of all arrangements.

As the executive director of the Royal Hawaiian World Sports, Minga was largely instrumental in turning the tournament into a huge public relations success.

Intelligent, resourceful, alert and humorous, Minga was an impresario cum entrepreneur with the wit of a Jack Benny or Bob Hope.

A magnificent man to say the least.

Aided by his lovely wife Jane, plus two stunning tournament co-ordinators, Susan and Pattie, Minga also had the support of a man known to all of us as Big Pete with a heart of gold.

Big Pete was a goalie in a local soccer league team until severe head injuries forced him to quit.

Pete looked after all the transportation of guests, including the invited international press: quite a job for the 400-plus visitors.

The hospitality was superb that was extended to us by "Minga's Mafia", a wonderful group of people that you could wish for to look after you in this

wonderful place called Hawaii.

One colleague from Melbourne, Laurie Schwab, even got carried away slightly.

Being a vegetarian, at one banquet we were served with some exotic Hawaiian drinks (Mai Tais) which usually come garnished with flowers and fruit.

As he couldn't wait for his entree, Schwab nonchalantly drank his drink and began to eat his flowers, much to the bewilderment and amusement of our hosts.



DENNIS MINGA

## Support for Sam

Jim Mangopoulos has categorically denied any interest in resuming his former post as president of Heidelberg.

Mangopoulos is still very involved as a background man at the club as well as playing his part at NSL Management Committee level but says that the rumors on the presidency are completely unfounded.

He is fully behind Sam Gouloupoulos and expects the man presently in charge at Heidelberg to retain the position at the special General Meeting convened for March 20. — Peter Desira.

If the effects of the mildly poisonous herbs show up in his writings, you will at least know the causes.

This much about the conditions. Next week more about the tournament with the accent on soccer.

But even until then please remember one thing: the fourth Tournament will be held at the same place, about the same period, next year.

And you're crazy if you miss it.



### CAMP DIRECTORS:



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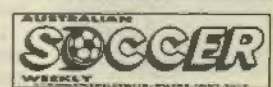
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## WHO AM I?

## FOOTBALL FUNNIES



Do you recognise this Sydney soccer star from a boyhood photo?

If not, turn to page 20 for the surprise answer...



"You were going nowhere fast in the first-half. In this half I want you to go, somewhere slower."



# Beware: The whiteants are at it again

By Tom Anderson

Moves are already in progress for the regionalisation of the NSL next season.

The Blueprints for a new regionalised league in NSW are already being drawn up in a cloak and dagger manner long associated with club soccer here in Australia.

This was brought to my attention last week by a prominent NSL club official in Sydney.

Whether or not all this undercover work is being conducted with the blessing of the powers that be who rule the game here is hard to fathom.

For at times it's rather difficult to comprehend

in the sport attempting to play down this marvellous feat — the Aussie youngsters are national heroes at present.

This should have been capitalised on by the clubs — but it hasn't.

## Knockers

Instead of blasting off the 1983 club season, it crept in on its stocking feet with barely a whimper!

Okay the senior national team did not win any friends with their performances against New Zealand.

But, does this verify a major crisis? Not on your life!

everything.

I'm not going out on a limb to defend Scheinflug — he can well take care of himself without any help.

But in the name of fair play — give him a go!

Surprisingly, some of the main culprits in the present situation are Scheinflug's fellow coaches.

Some with NSL clubs and others not good enough to coach NSL clubs.

Sure, everyone is entitled to his opinion, but for a coach to openly knock a fellow coach is an amazing situation.

These fellows should remember that coaching in Australian club soccer is a dangerous profession.

They should stick together — they need all the friends they can get.

But, of course, where the human element is concerned there is always jealousy.

## Heroes

Most of the present rubbish has been aired in public and is having an adverse effect on the game.

Interested sporting observers are beginning to say: "Ah, these soccer people are at it again —

Young Soccerroo team are doing well, soccer in general is on a high here.

Without success at national level soccer in Australia is nothing.

Instead of complaining about the national team training camps and national team plans, the clubs and officials should be jumping on the bandwagon.

They should go all out to promote their youngsters and club stars.

But this is not happening and the publicity and PR coming from the clubs is practically nil.

And don't blame the media — blame the clubs for their lack of knowhow or laziness to contact the media.

The time has come for the top NSW administrators to stop playing politics and to concentrate on injecting new ideas and new lifeblood into the competition.

That is, of course, if they haven't given up hope on the present format.

Project '86 and its fine concepts will only succeed if everyone in the game pulls together and aims in the same direction.

Over the years this seems to have been "mission impossible" in this



Gary Byrne

who's in charge of what in soccer these days.

A number of officials, it seems, are not just content with their own little lot but would rather be doing the job designated to some. I would like to make it very clear that I do not include professional administrators Brian Emery and Steve Kamasz in this category, one else.

Emery as executive secretary of the ASF and Kamasz as general manager of the NSL are doing marvellous jobs and are real professionals.

This season the domestic soccer scene should have blasted off to a marvellous start in a blaze of publicity.

The Young Soccerroos set the scene with their qualification for the World Cup Finals in Mexico in June.

And despite the surprising number of people with-

National coach Les Scheinflug is in the midst of a major team building project and must be given time to build.

But what has happened — all the knockers and weevils have emerged from wherever they live and are now trying to make their nasty presence felt.

And unless the situation is contained it will go from bad to worse and the game will again suffer.

Politics within the administration and structure of the game are once again rearing their ugly head and a number of people are using the present situation to practise politics at every opportunity.

Some of these people just can't help themselves.

Because of the defeats against New Zealand, national coach Scheinflug has come under fire and is being blamed for almost

just when everything was going great".

And really you can't blame them for this attitude.

What must be realised is that all Australians love their kids and the present time, Scheinflug and his Young Soccerroos are national heroes. This you'd better believe!

Also another fact that must be realised is that when the national team or

game of ours.

But surely the time has now come to put the game first and selfish aims second.

Les Scheinflug and his Young Soccerroos are in the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico because of teamwork, unselfishness and the ability to put Australian soccer first at all times.

Surely there must be a lesson there somewhere!



Steve Blair

# Four new aces in fresh pack

Three of the four new faces in the Australian squad of Les Scheinflug are defenders, clearly showing his displeasure with the team which went down twice to New Zealand.

They are Mike O'Shea (St George), Mark Pullen (Leichhardt) and Steve Hogg (Lions).

The fourth newcomer is Heidelberg's Jimmy Campbell — reportedly out with injury for several weeks.

Scheinflug has dropped Alan Niven (Lions) and David Ratcliffe (St George) — both of whom were in the actual team against the Kiwis.

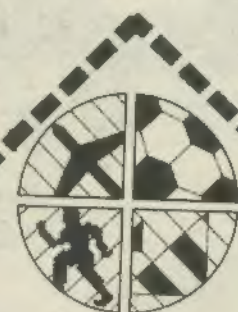


Mike O'Shea



Jim Campbell

The squad is: Crook, James, M. O'Shea, Wheatley, Henderson, Pullen, Bertogna, Blair, Russell, Davidson, Hogg, G. Byrne, Christopoulos, Jankovics, Brennan, J. Campbell, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Soper, O'Connor, Kosmina and Mitchell.



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# NSW STATE PREVIEW

## "Old guard" should set pace again

By Andrew Paschalidis

With the possibility of a geographical split in the National Soccer League, teams in the State League could be fighting for a crucial position in what may be a new Eastern League.

Last Sunday saw the kick-off of the 1983 State League. This season is shaping into quite a competitive one. The tussle for the top four spots looks like being a drawn out affair between many clubs.

Croatia have always been a formidable side to play against. They have great strength in the reserves to combat the ever increasing injuries run up by the first grade side.

Key players such as Bruno Vidaic, Alex Kovacic, Lee Sterrey and Mark Hollaway have hope-fully recovered from serious injuries that thwarted their appearances in the pre-season.

With a fully fit team free of injuries, Croatia will be a difficult side to beat. Everyone in the club is hoping to celebrate their 25th anniversary with yet another title. Add to the previous names mentioned players such as Brett Woods, Peter Hensman, Raul Carrizzo and Steve Watson — and Croatia look unbeatable.



P. Steltenpool

Melita Eagles are hoping to improve on last year's position. In a late rally the side finished fifth on 30 points.

This year they are at full strength. Raul Blanco, an experienced coach, has returned to the club from Sydney City during the off-season.

On paper Melita have the strongest and most experienced midfield in the competition. Alex Jamieson, Ray Farrugia and newly signed Col McCausland all look like having a successful year. Sprinkle this with Ernie Campbell, Don Allen, Paul Daley, Bob and Alex McPherson and you have a very skilful and talented side.

Sutherland, a young team that has enjoyed success in all grades over the past few seasons, will be hoping to avenge their defeat in last year's Grand Final.

First grade coach John Watkiss never fails to perform miracles. If their pre-season form is any indication, Sutherland should have a very fruitful year.

The team is well balanced and rich in talented young players. Goalkeeper Mal Haynes looks like having another great season. Vic Dal Forno and Greg Watkins in defence, Mark Harrington in the midfield and Shane Clinch up front are just a few of the vintage crop Watkiss has harvested.

Without doubt the



Blacktown's Robbie Wheatley

success story of the 1982 season was Riverwood. Only goal differences kept Riverwood away from that coveted first position. The club will dearly miss coach Attila Abonyi and 1982 Rothmans medal winner, John Stoddart.

On top of these losses Riverwood (who may now be known as Liverpool) have had to change their playing quarters as well as name.

Despite these setbacks Riverwood will be vying for a Top Four position once again. The club has experience in such players as Andy Tracey, David Forrester and Barry Walker.

### Players lost

Blacktown City will be hoping to overcome last year's disappointment. The team was knocked out in the semifinals after finishing on 38 points. The loss of Rale Rasic to South Melbourne has been filled by the former Director of Coaching in Illawarra, Casey de Bruin.

During the off-season the club lost many talented players such as Phil Burrows, Clive Campbell and Buck Kristich.

A lot will depend on experienced players Stuart Selva, Warren Turnbull, Cliff Pointer and Australian representatives Bruce James and Robbie Wheatley.

The two "dark horses" of the competition look like being Manly and Avala.

Although Manly have lost Stuart Regan, Barry Lock, John Dick and Mark Dower, they have signed capable replacements,

Robert Sherman, a striker from Swansea City and Roy Jones a midfielder from Meadowbank Thistle.

Add to this the return of goalkeeper Chris Cassel-tari and Peter Vale. Manly will be fighting for that elusive spot in the Top Four.

Avala have strengthened their ranks with the acquisition of Paul Burrows, Henry Hous-

time of the year. The team will again be counting on the skills and talent of David McIntosh, Peter Berry and Fed Cummings, being guided by coach Tom Mihajlovic.

Inter-Monaro have attempted to build a stronger side in the hope of consolidating a higher position in the league this year.

With the dynamic Valeri brothers and new signings Goran Curcic and R. Popovic, Monaro have a stable side.

Bankstown are also aiming to improve on last year's performance, where they just managed to escape relegation.

## NSW DIV. 1 DRAW

### ROUND ONE — MARCH 13

Polonia v S.S.C. Yugal; Croatia v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Sutherland Shire v Bankstown; Auburn v Riverwood; Avala v Ku-Ring-Gai; Blacktown City v Inter Monaro; Melita Eagles v Manly Warringah.

### ROUND TWO — MARCH 19-20

Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Polonia; S.S.C. Yugal v Melita Eagles; Bankstown v Croatia Sydney; Riverwood v Sutherland Shire; Ku-Ring-Gai v Auburn; Manly Warringah v Blacktown City; Inter Monaro v Avala.

### ROUND THREE — MARCH 26-27

Polonia v Bankstown; S.S.C. Yugal v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Croatia Sydney v Riverwood; Sutherland Shire v Ku-Ring-Gai; Auburn v Inter Monaro; Avala v Manly Warringah; Melita Eagles v Blacktown City.

### ROUND FOUR — APRIL 2-3

Riverwood v Polonia; Bankstown v S.S.C. Yugal; Melita vs Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Ku-Ring-Gai v Croatia Sydney; Inter Monaro v Sutherland Shire; Manly Warringah v Auburn; Blacktown City v Avala.

### ROUND FIVE — APRIL 9-10

Polonia v Ku-Ring-Gai; S.S.C. Yugal v Riverwood; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Bankstown; Croatia Sydney v Inter Monaro; Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah; Auburn v Blacktown City; Melita Eagles v Avala.

### ROUND SIX — APRIL 16-17

Inter Monaro v Polonia; Ku-Ring-Gai v S.S.C. Yugal; Riverwood v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Melita Eagles v Bankstown; Manly Warringah v Croatia Sydney; Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire; Avala v Auburn.

### ROUND SEVEN — APRIL 23-24

Polonia v Manly Warringah; S.S.C. Yugal v Inter Monaro; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Ku-Ring-Gai; Bankstown v Riverwood; Croatia Sydney v Blacktown City; Sutherland Shire v Avala; Melita Eagles v Auburn.

### ROUND EIGHT — APRIL 30 — MAY 1

Blacktown City v Polonia; Manly Warringah v S.S.C. Yugal; Inter Monaro v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Ku-Ring-Gai v Bankstown; Riverwood v Melita Eagles; Avala v Croatia Sydney; Auburn v Sutherland Shire.

### ROUND NINE — MAY 7-8

Polonia v Avala; S.S.C. Yugal v Blacktown City; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Manly Warringah; Bankstown v Inter Monaro; Riverwood v Ku-Ring-Gai; Croatia Sydney v Auburn; Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire.

### ROUND TEN — MAY 14-15

Auburn v Polonia; Avala v S.S.C. Yugal; Blacktown City v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Manly Warringah v Bankstown; Inter Monaro v Riverwood; Ku-Ring-Gai v Melita Eagles; Sutherland Shire v Croatia Sydney.

### ROUND ELEVEN — MAY 21-22

Polonia v Sutherland Shire; S.S.C. Yugal v Auburn; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Avala; Bankstown v Blacktown City; Riverwood v Manly Warringah; Ku-Ring-Gai v Inter Monaro; Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney.



Croatia's Peter Hensman in action at the Sports Ground.

### ROUND TWELVE — MAY 28-29

Croatia Sydney v Polonia; Sutherland Shire v S.S.C. Yugal; Auburn v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Avala v Bankstown; Blacktown City v Riverwood; Manly Warringah v Ku-Ring-Gai; Inter Monaro v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND THIRTEEN — JUNE 4-5

Polonia v Melita Eagles; S.S.C. Yugal v Croatia Sydney; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Sutherland Shire; Auburn v Bankstown; Riverwood v Avala; Ku-Ring-Gai v Blacktown City; Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah.

### ROUND FOURTEEN — JUNE 18-19

S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Croatia Sydney; Bankstown v Sutherland Shire; Riverwood v Auburn; Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala; Inter Monaro v Blacktown City; Manly Warringah v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND FIFTEEN — JUNE 25-26

Polonia v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Melita Eagles v S.S.C. Yugal; Croatia Sydney v Bankstown; Sutherland Shire v Riverwood; Auburn v Ku-Ring-Gai; Blacktown City v Manly Warringah; Avala v Inter Monaro.

### ROUND SIXTEEN — JULY 2-3

Bankstown v Polonia; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v S.S.C. Yugal; Riverwood v Croatia Sydney; Ku-Ring-Gai v Sutherland Shire; Inter Monaro v Auburn; Manly Warringah v Avala; Blacktown City v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND SEVENTEEN — JULY 9-10

Polonia v Riverwood; S.S.C. Yugal v Bankstown; Melita Eagles v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Croatia Sydney v Ku-Ring-Gai; Sutherland Shire v Inter Monaro; Auburn v Manly Warringah; Avala v Blacktown City.

### ROUND EIGHTEEN — JULY 16-17

Ku-Ring-Gai v Polonia; Riverwood v S.S.C. Yugal; Bankstown v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Inter Monaro v Croatia Sydney; Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire; Blacktown City v Auburn; Avala v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND NINETEEN — JULY 23-24

Polonia v Inter Monaro; S.S.C. Yugal v Ku-Ring-Gai; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Riverwood; Bankstown v Melita Eagles; Croatia Sydney v Manly Warringah; Sutherland Shire v Blacktown City; Auburn v Avala.

### ROUND TWENTY — JULY 30-31

Manly Warringah v Polonia; Inter Monaro v S.S.C. Yugal; Ku-Ring-Gai v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Riverwood v Bankstown; Blacktown City v Croatia Sydney; Avala v Sutherland Shire; Auburn v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND TWENTY ONE — AUGUST 6-7

Polonia v Blacktown City; S.S.C. Yugal v Manly Warringah; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Inter Monaro; Bankstown v Ku-Ring-Gai; Melita Eagles v Riverwood; Croatia Sydney v Avala; Sutherland Shire v Auburn.

### ROUND TWENTY TWO — AUGUST 13-14

Avala v Polonia; Blacktown City v S.S.C. Yugal; Manly Warringah v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Ku-Ring-Gai v Riverwood; Auburn v Croatia Sydney; Sutherland Shire v Melita Eagles; Inter Monaro v Bankstown.

### ROUND TWENTY THREE — AUGUST 20-21

Polonia v Auburn; S.S.C. Yugal v Avala; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Blacktown City; Bankstown v Manly Warringah; Riverwood v Inter Monaro; Melita Eagles v Ku-Ring-Gai; Croatia Sydney v Sutherland Shire.

### ROUND TWENTY FOUR — AUGUST 27-28

Sutherland Shire v Polonia; Auburn v S.S.C. Yugal; Avala v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Blacktown City v Bankstown; Manly Warringah v Riverwood; Inter Monaro v Ku-Ring-Gai; Croatia Sydney v Melita Eagles.

### ROUND TWENTY FIVE — SEPTEMBER 3-4

Polonia v Croatia Sydney; S.S.C. Yugal v Sutherland Shire; Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Auburn; Bankstown v Avala; Riverwood v Blacktown City; Ku-Ring-Gai v Manly Warringah; Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro.

### ROUND TWENTY SIX — SEPTEMBER 18

Melita Eagles v Polonia; Croatia Sydney v S.S.C. Yugal; Sutherland Shire v Cant.-M'ville Oly.; Bankstown v Auburn; Avala v Riverwood; Blacktown City v Ku-Ring-Gai; Manly Warringah v Inter Monaro.

**NOTE:** The Ku-Ring-Gai Club will play their Home Matches at Parklands Oval or Kookaburra Road Park.



# State League starts with no surprises

The NSW State League kicked off last Sunday with no real surprises.

Strong sides like Croatia, Sutherland, Riverwood and Melita will once again figure prominently.

Brilliant individual performances highlighted the first round. Sutherland's Gary Knowles found early scoring form with two goals.

By Andrew Paschalidis

Tanoski of Yugal scored two superb goals within a five minute period and Andy Tracey spurred on Riverwood with his goals.

Players transferred to different clubs in the off-season appreciated their new surroundings. Paul Burrows, who played with Leichhardt last season had

a fine debut for Avala. Andy Scott, who was transferred from Sydney Olympic last Saturday, played well for his new club, Manly.

Overall this year promises to be an interesting season. The young brigade in clubs like Bankstown, Polonia and Canterbury should improve with the experience of playing in first grade.

## LAST WEEK

### 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Polonia V Yugal	2-2	0-1	2-1
Croatia V Cant.-M'ville	2-0	3-1	1-1
Sutherland V Bankstown	3-0	0-1	3-1
Auburn V Riverwood	0-4	3-5	5-0
Avala V Ku-Ring-Gai	1-1	0-2	1-3
Blacktown V Monaro	3-1	4-0	
Melita V Manly	3-1	4-2	2-3

### 2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Dee Why V Blacktown	1-0	2-0	1-1
Gladesville V Parramatta	4-1	4-1	0-1
Belmore V Revesby	0-5	0-2	4-1
Wollongong Utd V Uni. of NSW	3-0	7-2	3-0
Nth Bankstown V Warringah	1-2	0-0	3-1
Rockdale V Artarmon	3-2	3-0	
Fairy Meadow V Penrith United	0-0	2-1	2-3

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Olympic	1	1	—	—	3	0	3
2 Canberra	1	1	—	—	3	1	3
3 Newcastle	1	1	—	—	2	0	3
4 A.I.S.	1	1	—	—	2	0	3
5 Marconi	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
6 St George	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
7 Wollongong	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
8 Leichhardt	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
9 Sydney City	0	—	—	—	—	—	—

### RESULTS OF LAST WEEK

**St George v Newcastle 0-2 (Brandt, Caban)**  
**Wollongong (Green) v Canberra 1-3 (Perenovic 2, Manis)**  
**Olympic (Akoutis, Dounis, Bottalico (o.g.) v Leichhardt 3-0**  
**Marconi v A.I.S. 0-2 (Fabrizio 2)**

The 1983 National Youth League opened with two former premiers Leichhardt — 1981 and St George — 1982 both suffering defeats at home.

At St George Stadium the current Youth League champions appeared a pale shadow of the side that stormed to the title last year.

Although a very young team they also looked slow and lacking the imagination of previous sides and they faced an equally youthful Newcastle who displayed a far greater degree of enterprise.

In a fairly even first half the sides were only separated by a goal from the head of Simon Brandt who had always threatened up front during the half without actually coming close.

However, the second half opened up with both sides obviously responding to the coaches' half time sermons and play immediately switched from end to end.

In the 53rd minute Newcastle went further ahead when Robert Green on the left measured his cross to the far post where Tony Caban sent in an angled header past the keeper from the corner of the six yard box.

At the other end Peter Petrovski headed narrowly past at the near post.

Newcastle gradually took control of the midfield but squandered a handful of chances with the St George keeper Mark Folbodetto prominent, first turning a fierce angled drive from Tony Caban round the post and two

minutes later with his feet at the edge of the box when Robert Virgili tried to round him after a brilliant run.

He was finally beaten again in the 79th minute when substitute Billy Tonkin cleverly rounded him, but his final shot was cleared off the line by St George substitute Eddie Gonano.

At Lambert Park Olympic defeated arch rivals Leichhardt to the tune of 3-0.

The match was played at a blistering pace considering the hot conditions.

Olympic led 2-0 at half time through goals by George Akoutas and Leo Dounis who could have had more.

In the second half the young Olympic midfield took control and as a result of their dominance and pressure, Leichhardt defender Jim Bottalico lobbed a pass back over the head of his keeper to give Olympic their third goal.

At Fairfield Jimmy Shouder's team carried on where they left off at the end of last season, on a winning note, at the expense of John Doyle's young Marconi hopefuls.

The Institute boys led 2-0 at half time with two goals from Vincenzo Fabrizio. Although they were unable to increase their tally in the second half, Marconi's woes didn't stop there.

Domenic Giannone was sent off in the 66th minute for a foul on the Institute keeper and as if to add insult to injury Maurice Licata missed a penalty for them in the 75th minute.

### SUTHERLAND v BANKSTOWN 3-0

Sutherland scored an impressive victory over an enthusiastic Bankstown at Seymour Shaw Park. Nigel Groome played a big part in Sutherland's victory. Positioned on the right flank, his deft crosses resulted in all three goals with Gary Knowles converting two of these. The second goal had a slight touch of luck about it. In a goalmouth scramble the ball rebounded five times before Knowles tapped it in.

Bankstown were very keen, but the inexperience in the side showed. Player-coach, Alan Bourke, worked hard in trying to keep the midfield together. Goalkeeper Steve Giffin has

started from where he left last year and had a big game despite the score-line.

Sutherland were unlucky not to make it 5-0 in the second half after Rogers hit the crossbar twice.

**SUTHERLAND:** M. Haynes, B. Cashman, M. Hesford, A. Sharfegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, J. Webber, M. Harrington, G. Knowles, N. Groome, C. Rogers.

**BANKSTOWN:** S. Giffin, C. Rootsey, A. Beck, R. Agostino, C. O'Neill, P. Dalton, S. Blackburn, K. Cork, G. King, A. Bourke, W. Parker (W. Brown), J. Nocera.

**GOALS:** Sutherland (G. Knowles 2, M. Harrington).

### POLONIA v YUGAL 2-2

Yugal's two goal advantage at the interval slipped away in the second half. They allowed Polonia to level the scores with minutes remaining.

The first half was a scrappy, loose affair. Tanoski opened up his account for the season with two fine goals in the 30th and 34th minute.

The first half was very disappointing for Polonia. Three times, they had only the goalkeeper to beat, but failed.

The second half proved to be more fruitful. Polonia played with more confidence. The results — two goals and a share of the points.

Galas and Thomas played a large part in Polonia's comeback. Tanoski always looked dangerous for Yugal.

**POLONIA:** I. Barker, B. Svagelj, R. Geekie, R. Lasek (A. Grosses 80), A. Galas, M. Cislik, D. Thomas, Z. Garlowski, C. Ortega, H. Sovczyk (U. Terre 19), K. Smith.

**YUGAL:** P. Berry, M. Rendell, S. Coldarevic, D. McIntosh, J. Clarke, S. Babian, R. Gogic (R. Jesic 82), J. Marcello, M. Turkoglou, S. Tanoski.

**GOALS:** Polonia (S.U. Thomas, U. Terre). Yugal (S. Tanoski 2).

### BLACKTOWN v INTER-MONARO 3-1

Blacktown City had a dream start to the new season by beating Inter-Monaro 3-1 at the Gabbie Stadium.

Within three minutes of the start Kirwan helped put Blacktown into a 2-0 lead. He converted a penalty after a Monaro defender leapt in the air and touched the ball. Seconds later Kirwan and Rasmussen combined from a corner kick to put Blacktown into a healthy lead.

In the 27th minute Quarmby left the Monaro keeper sprawling with a powerful drive hitting the roof of the net.

From that period onwards Blacktown lacked finishing power in front of goal.

The new Monaro goalkeeper, Curcic saved his side on many occasions. Monaro settled down in the

second half and Reis scored a consolation goal with minutes remaining. Ex-Leichhardt player Godzik also tried valiantly for Monaro.

Blacktown were best served by Kirwan and McLachlan (currently in the final squad for the World Youth championships).

**BLACKTOWN:** P. Freeman, T. Rasmussen, W. Turnbull, P. Brogan, C. Pointer, S. Selva, J. Stoddart, M. Quarmby, M. McLachlan, J. Larkin, P. Kirwan.

**MONARO:** G. Curcic, J. Caldoran, C. Leigh, J. Santolin, M. Francis, J. Sauchuch, A. Reis, J. Arquero, B. Godzik, R. Popovic, B. Willox (E. Castaned 45).

**GOALS:** Blacktown (P. Kirwan 2, M. Quarmby). Monaro (A. Reis).

### CROATIA v CANT-M'VILLE 2-0

Croatia started the season well, defeating Canterbury 2-0 at King Tomislav.

The first half was a tight, tense struggle — mainly between the midfield combinations. On four occasions, Croatia had opportunities to hit the lead but these went begging.

Ali El Zein thwarted Croatia's frontmen with a brilliant display of goal-keeping. Arnold, previously thought to be leaving the club, was a constant danger to Croatia.

In the second half, Croatia took the upper hand. From a neatly taken Raul Carrizzo corner Kovacic headed in a great goal.

Minutes later Peter

Hensman sealed the game with a cracking drive into the right hand corner of the goal.

Canterbury's best players were goalkeeper Ali El Zein and Todorya. Croatia were well served by Kovacic and Wally Savor.

**CROATIA:** S. Watson, B. Wood, D. Toasic, M. Kovacic, B. Vidaic, D. Rezo, W. Savor, R. Carrizzo, P. Hensman, M. Davis.

**CANT-M'VILLE:** A. El Zein, G. Antonopoulos, G. Laws, J. Binos, J. Anagnosotopoulos, T. Andrew, M. Todorya, G. Arnold, C. Thamnidis, S. Hantzis, L. Georgiou.

**GOALS:** Croatia (M. Kovacic, P. Hensman).

### MELITA v MANLY 3-1

The midfield combination of Ray Farrugia, Alex Jamieson and newly signed Col McAusland proved too much for Manly at Melita Stadium.

The first half was an even affair. Manly took the lead in the 19th minute from the penalty spot. Five minutes before half time Duarte levelled the score with a solidly hit low drive.

In the second half Jamieson took Melita into the lead after hammering the ball past the Manly keeper Ellis from 16 metres.

Manly did not concede defeat and kept attacking, but to no avail.

The third goal was unlucky for the Manly side. With the breeze behind him McPherson punted the

ball into the Manly penalty area only to see Manly's fullback Geoghan head it past his own goalkeeper.

Andy Scott, ex Sydney Olympic, had a fine debut for his new club, Manly.

**MELITA:** A. McPherson, R. McPherson (G. McCoy 85), M. Cross, P. Daley, R. McGinn, C. McAusland, D. Duarte, A. Jamieson, D. Allan, R. Farrugia, H. Martinez (R. Williams).

**MANLY:** S. Ellis, R. Geoghan, B. Doyle, K. Falconer, A. Scott, G. Noble (R. Jones 78), R. Shiman, G. VanHeldon, K. Russell (T. Smith 82), P. Falconer, R. Stewart.

**GOALS:** Melita (D. Durate, A. Jamieson, R. Geoghan own goal). Manly (T. Smith pen).

### RIVERWOOD v AUBURN 4-0

Riverwood opened their account by trouncing Auburn 4-0 at Garside Park. Butcher, Tracey and striker Jones played a big part in Riverwood's win.

Tracey couldn't have wished for a better start to the season. Within seven minutes he had scored two goals. The first goal came in the third minute after he latched onto a loose ball outside the area. The linesman raised his flag for off-side but was overruled by the referee. Minutes later he made it 2-0 after Auburn's Dale fouled inside the area.

Jones sealed the game just before half time after catching the Auburn de-

fence off guard. In the 78th minute Rystand beat the offside trap and slotted in the last goal.

**AUBURN:** D. Bowman, C. Quigley, T. Kilkelly, S. Planinic (sent off 83), C. Prgomelja, M. Dale, T. Manago (D. Bobinac 61), L. Lunt, R. Carney, R. Allen (J. McCranor 57), T. Kinsey.

**RIVERWOOD:** R. Gisbourne, P. Mikas, I. Rystand, D. Forrester, D. Smith, V. Juchievicz, P. Butcher, A. Tracey, B. McKouski, T. Jones, W. Coutts.

**GOALS:** Riverwood (A. Tracey 2, T. Jones, I. Rystand).

### AVALA

#### KU-RING-GAI 1-1

Newly promoted Ku-Ring-Gai were held to a 1-1 draw against an experienced Avala side.

In the third minute, Ku-Ring-Gai were taken by surprise after Fernandez scored from a free kick. The first half was played at a fast punishing pace. Both sides pushed forward, which left room for the opposition to counter-attack.

Ku-Ring-Gai goalkeeper Phil Antman continually prevented Avala from scoring. Right on half-time Alan Robertson was unlucky not to score for Ku-Ring-Gai when his header hit the crossbar. Early in the second half Clive Eaton, also hit the bar with a header.

Ku-Ring-Gai equalised in the 67th minute from a penalty. The standard of play dropped after this goal.

**AVALA:** P. Ahrens, J. Lembrak, S. Deller, M. Barton, E. Patterson, G. Milne, H. Hosseni (N. Williams 53), P. Yousupit, P. Burrows (B. Tilt 76), G. Fernandez, B. Karanfiloski.

**KU-RING-GAI:** P. Antman, D. Kevern, P. Duke, P. Jesse, A. Robertson, M. Hanley, T. Bertram, S. Davidson, S. Regan, T. Gavin, E. Eaton.

**GOALS:** Avala (Fernandez), Ku-Ring-Gai (Regan pen).



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# It's time: soccer is booming in A.C.T.

By Steve Burns

**Soccer in Canberra has never been more popular than in 1983. At least, that is, from the number of participating teams.**

This year over 520 teams — from the very old to the very young — will grace the playing fields of Canberra on either Saturday or Sunday.

That number includes the dozen or so teams which play in non-affiliated Churches and Canberra Social Soccer Leagues.

Says ACTSF President, Roger Grylls: "It is a fantastic result."

"But it does pose tremendous headaches for the various administrations."

"Not least of these is to

find playing fields for all of the teams."

But Mr Grylls also sounded an ominous warning.

"Canberra symbolises fears expressed at a recent Australian Soccer Federation meeting that soccer in Australia was becoming a game of participants but not spectators."

"Already it is giving us trouble."

"The ASF has now informed Canberra Arrows that its next National Cup game will be played away rather than at home because Canberra cannot guarantee sufficient spectators."

## Poor crowd?

"This decision was based on what the ASF or National League believed was the dismal

1,100 or 1,200 crowd at Seiffert Oval for the Wollongong first round National Soccer Cup game."

"In my view, considering competition that was faced from other codes, that the game was at Queanbeyan — ON ELECTION NIGHT — I believe the crowd was a good one."

"But it goes further. Because officialdom didn't think Canberra could guarantee a sufficiently large crowd we will not get one of the international games from the four-nation tournament towards the end of the 1983 season."

"And remember Canberra, in Bruce Stadium, has one of the best soccer arenas — if not the best — in Australia."

Grylls said he was concerned at this trend.

"We have to have more than just teams — we have to have spectators if the game is to survive," he added.

Now back to the number of teams actually playing soccer in the national capital in 1983.

Here are the figures:

	1982	1983
• ACT Jnr Soccer League	420	384
• Canberra League	44	34
• Football League	45	43

Mr Grylls says: "To these numbers can be added the dozen or so clubs in the Churches League and Social League."

"In junior soccer the

numbers are fantastic and may have been mentioned elsewhere in this issue."

"By comparison the Canberra League, the Saturday amateur competition, has not just increased from 34 to 44 teams within the existing club structure, but the number of clubs has also risen from 17 to 25."

## Social

"This League is often a breeding ground for Football League membership."

"Many Canberra League clubs are supported by Canberra's many ethnic clubs. And they often want their teams to play on grounds near their clubs to have players come back for a drink and to relax so the club can recoup some of its outlay."

"It is often this type of sponsorship that pays affiliation fees and provides all clubs with kits and equipment."

The juniors, of course, are booming and as ASW announced exclusively three weeks ago the Football League in Canberra has introduced a new country league made up of some of the best teams from the now defunct NSW Southern League.

Mr Grylls said considering its number of participants he hoped soccer would gain more exposure.

"Certainly we have the ammunition to make the strongest possible case."

# Glockner may suit Scheinflug

By Greg Russell

**Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston wants Les Scheinflug to take a look at striker Stephen Glockner before finalising his squad for the World Youth Championship finals in Mexico in June.**

Hermiston, a former national league Player of the Year, believes young Glockner is beginning to show the necessary form and could play his way into youth team contention in the first month of the Na-

tional League season.

"He can turn a player beautifully but needs a little more work on his sharpness. I intend to coach him specially on that over the next few weeks. But if he fulfils his potential I think Les will owe it to Stephen to watch him play," Hermiston said.

Glockner, who was only a fringe player under Nereo Sattich at City last year, looks set to feature prominently in Hermiston's

plans this year and had a fine game in City's 4-2 NSL Cup win over Lions.

Glockner scored the Gladiators' fourth goal.

Ironically, had it not been for Glockner's determination to play in the City first side, he could already be in the national youth team.

The 18-year-old striker was the major spearhead of the Queensland youth team's attack last year and was playing brilliantly alongside Danny Wright in early season trials.

But the weekend before the Queensland team was to go to the national championships in Canberra, Glockner was offered the chance to play for the National League team and accepted — ignoring the warnings of the Queensland team officials that no injured players would be taken to Canberra.

Luck was not on Glockner's side and he fell on his ankle in the game against Newcastle and subsequently failed a state team fitness test three days later.

It proved to be a tragic blow for the youngster as Queensland went on to win the championship with two of Queensland's forwards Danny Wright and Frank Farina gaining Glockner's replacement — also impressing Scheinflug.

Glockner's bad luck was to continue though as six weeks later a sudden sickness forced him to miss a special trial match organised for Scheinflug to take another look at the Queensland team.

Midfielder Russell Stewart gained his position in the squad from the trial and Glockner may well have to do, too.

Hermiston and Glockner realised it would be risky for Scheinflug to draft new players into his team after its successful run so far but with Stewart, Wright and Farina in the team it would be easy for the youngster to adapt.

Glockner realises the task ahead of him and it philosophical about his chances.

"The best thing I can do is just keep on playing well and score as many goals as I can. If I've got the form on the board then it will no longer be up to me," Glockner said.



Steve Glockner (right) in action against Brisbane City.

## Youth titles in Canberra

By Steve Burns

Australia's National Youth Championships (teams 18 and under), will once more be staged in the national capital.

Announcing this, the president of the ACTSF, Roger Grylls, said teams from all eight Soccer States would be represented.

The competition will be Monday, May 16 to Friday, May 20.

"Again the teams will be divided into two divisions, played on a round robin basis with the winners and runners up from each division then playing off in the

semi-finals," Grylls said.

"The semi-finals will be played at Bruce Stadium on Thursday, May 19 and the final also at Bruce on the Friday afternoon."

"This competition is, of course, where one best sees Australia's stars of tomorrow," Grylls said.

The holders of the National Youth Championship is Queensland, who defeated NSW last year, and once more things are shaping up for another NSW-Queensland final.

The dark horse? That tip goes to Western Australia.

## Gold Coast is ready

By Greg Russell

The Gold Coast soccer competition is set for one of its biggest years ever following a renewed sponsorship and the return of former State League club Twin Towns.

The Gold Coast and districts soccer association has been sponsored for \$6000 by Leyton properties and will use most of the cash as prize money for the Coast competitions including an FA Cup style night competitions.

The Leyton Soccer League will have two divisions this year, each of 10 teams.

Twin Towns, which played for the first time last season in the now defunct Queensland State League, will field teams in both divisions.

The Geminis, who finished seventh in last year's 10 team competition, will be coached this year by former Spurs player Roger Hoyer.

The club has lost several of its key players last season, including striker Cliff Calley.

Calley was the leading State League scorer of 1982 and until he injured his back late in the season was attracting the attention of Brisbane's two National

League clubs.

Twin Towns have also lost goalkeeper John Marshall, on trial at premier league club Acacia Ridge and outfield players Duane Wilson and Neil Woods.

But the club still has former St George midfielder or defender Steve McDonald and last year's player coach Ian Runcie.

Favourites to win the Leyton League once again are Merrimac, the Italian-backed club that made a clean sweep of all trophies last year. One of the stars of the team is former Grange Thistle State League midfielder Ricky Mangan.

Coastian club St Anthony's should also figure in the finals but have been weakened by the loss of at least two players, including midfielder Charlie Runje, who has returned to Brisbane club Sunnyside.

Several of the smaller clubs are also tipped to go well including Palm Beach, which is reported to be negotiating with several New Zealand players, including a top goalkeeper, Southport, under the direction of former Grange Thistle stalwart Barry Dann and experienced campaigners Broadbeach.

**The homely bedroom in Thornleigh shared by two young boys was adorned with posters and wall charts of their favorite soccer stars.**

And on more than one evening the parents of the curly-haired youngsters would notice the bedroom light was on in contravention of the appointed bedtime.

More often than not the boys were so engrossed in testing each other's soccer knowledge, or arguing the merits of their respective teams, that they lost track of time.

But their parents really didn't mind; boys will be boys and there was no harm in their being caught up in their love of the round ball game.

After all, they knew their neighbors had the same "problem", and so did the family down the street, and, come to think of it, so would thousands of homes throughout Australia.

However, there were some people concerned about this seemingly innocuous everyday scenario, and they had good reason.

Because if they examined those posters or wall charts more carefully, or listened to the boys' conversation, they would have found that the subject of attention was a player or team thousands of miles away, in England or Brazil or Italy.

And for Australian soccer, which has existed in a multiplicity of forms for over 100 years, the situation in 1983 is a sad indictment

on the inroads the game has made in the last century.

**Soccer, for as long as anyone cares to remember, has always been the code on the verge of explosion.**

Its benefactors have claimed consistently and extravagantly that next year is going to be THE year that the game takes off.

But really, aren't we all sick of waiting?

Here we are, in 1983, with almost half a million soccer players throughout the country who still cannot be enticed to games, who care more about Kenny Dalglish's knee injury than the fact that Australia's most-capped Soccerroo Peter Wilson has just retired.

It seems obvious to me that if our vast potential is to become more than that eternally optimistic statement, we must attack the problem at grass roots.

Hamburger giants McDonalds have started the ball rolling with sponsorship, and the Young Soccerroos have given our image an immeasurable shot in the arm.

But we must have more

## Local heroes may boost game

By Mike Cockerill of The Manly Daily

immediate tangible success. Not tomorrow or the next day, today.

**And that means our senior clubs getting rid of the poisonous influence of untold third-rate foreign players and having the courage to give local youth a go.**

It also means clubs getting off their backsides to promote the game, if at first not succeeding then trying and trying again.

We must have the vast reservoir of juniors in the western suburbs of Sydney in force at Marconi or Gabbie Stadiums every weekend.

And that goes for all our clubs, who must base their support on geographical ties.

To sell our soccer it must be home-grown — the alternative is the destructive downward spiral of a stubbornly ethnic game.

And if some don't like it, they must be told to lump it.

Granted: these clubs have the bargaining power of considerable turnstile support, but that is only a short-term argument.

Given time, the Ku-ring-gai, Manly, Townsvilles and Blacktowns of our

game will rise to the challenge and draw comparative and, most importantly, multi-racial support.

It is absolutely essential that our administrators are guided this way.

Because in spite of all the ill-founded claims that huge inroads have been made to "Australianise" our game, it remains as Aussie as Yorkshire pudding.

## Canberra has the numbers

**Canberra junior soccer has achieved an Australian per-head-of-population registration record.**

With last-minute registrations still trickling in as we go to press the official 1983 Junior Soccer League registration figure stood at a fantastic 5,100 — compared to 4,785 last year.

"We never thought a registration of 5,000 plus would be possible," said Junior League secretary, Liz Gardiner.

"It is a fantastic result. We have 180 teams in the mini-soccer competition alone."

"Now our biggest problem will be sufficient grounds and coaches to coach all teams."

"But with this registration it makes soccer in Canberra the best supported sport of them all."

"No other can come within coo-ee of junior soccer."



# Confidentially...

Tommy Docherty has joined Rale Rasic in demanding adequate insurance for star players called up for the Soceroos or Youth Soceroos.

The Doc's club, Sydney Olympic, has a big representation in Australian teams right now — including Marshall Soper, Jim Patikas, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos and, the latest to be summoned by Les Scheinflug, Tony Dakos.



Tommy Docherty

Said Docherty: "Imagine Manchester United allowing a boy like Bryan Robson to play for England without full cover against injury. Australia players are just as valuable on a comparative basis."

Maybe The Doc had his star signing Jimmy Patikas in mind.

Channel Seven's "big" TV coverage of Australian international soccer apparently means little in the Aussie Rules stronghold of Melbourne.

The Australia v New Zealand match, which went to Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide, was rejected by Seven in Melbourne. Some folk in Victorian TV still call soccer a foreign sport!

Now for the good news. Melbourne's Channel Seven has been persuaded to do better in future.

Sydney City Slickers hate the heat — according to coach Eddie Thomson. "We use a pressure game to get results... and that's very difficult in near-century temperatures," said Eddie.

Berti Mariani quickly revealed his versatility after

Leichhardt signed him from Marconi last week. Mainly a centre-forward,



Berti Mariani

Berti filled in as sweeper for injured Mark Pullen in his debut game against Newcastle KB — and did well.

Ian McGregor has proved his versatility again for West Adelaide.

He remained at right back in the National Cup game against Adelaide City, but was also called on to move into the midfield and attack with coach Alan Vest fielding an extra checking defender in what was virtually a "back five".

Last season the tough little Scot played full

back, midfield and in attack at various stages of the PSL, but last week was the first time he had to play all three positions in the one game — at the same time.

What a pity coaches Alan Vest and Bobby Ferguson can't give their ball-playing midfielders Steve Atsalas and Sergio Melta the freedom to entertain.



Alan Vest

They are the "excitement machines" of the respective clubs, but when they clashed in the National Cup City's Melta had to mark Atsalas, and vice versa.

And the pair showed that they can tackle as well as dribble, run and shoot, but in the end cancelled each other out.

Vest was interested in "the big man" earlier in the year, but at that stage he was not for sale.

Manou was upset at being dropped from the squad for the Cup match, and in the Ampol series he had been used as a full back.

He was originally a stopper, then a midfielder with City last season.

Hopefully, players will not have to again suffer the temperatures which hit Adelaide for the National Cup first round, but if they do, then referees should take the heat into consideration. During the Adelaide City — West match line-men waved players

away from the sidelines when they tried to grab some ice from trainers when play was held up for injuries.

Adelaide City strongman midfielder Brian Northcote is relying on team-mate Glenn Dods to get him back into the game. Dods, a physiotherapist, has been working on Northcote's groin injury four times a week.

## MORE MIRACLES FOR WATKISS

Former Australian World Cup player Johnny Watkiss, will once again be in charge of the NSW State League side Sutherland.

Since taking over Sutherland Watkiss has done wonders with the club.

Year in year out, Watkiss has never failed to produce some brand new, young, exciting soccer talent into first grade.

As well as concentrating on 'production' of new material, Watkiss with his very quiet, gentle but most efficient manner, simultaneously has kept Sutherland well up near the top of the competition.

Last year, in the NSW Ampol Cup, Sutherland's young side had to face up to the far more experienced and professional St George PSL side.

Few gave Sutherland a chance against the Saints in the match played at the St George stadium.

The Saints are not a charitable mob when it comes to sharing points, so the task was formidable for Watkiss.

Watkiss sat his young side down in the dressing room before kick-off, and very quietly told his lads that unless they listened very carefully to his instructions and carry them out, they would be in for a horrible hiding.

Trusting their senior master, the Sutherland kids glued their eyes on Watkiss' lips, absorbing every syllable uttered.

The bottom line to this little expose was... St George nil, Sutherland 3.

It's history now that St George went through the Round Robin format to get into the Cup Final where they defeated Croatia 1-0 to win the 1982 NSW Ampol Cup.

Further still, after many

By John Economos

trials and tribulations, Watkiss again was able to scramble Sutherland into the NSW State League Grand Final last season, but the youngsters eventually went down to Croatia, playing on a wet pitch, 2-0.

Near the top

Sutherland finished the 1982 season with 35 points, just three short of champions Croatia who finished the year with 38 points locked in with Riverwood and Blacktown.

Forty three goals were scored by Sutherland in the 26 rounds of the competition whilst their defence allowed in 22 to give Sutherland the second best defensive figure in the League.

Without a doubt, Watkiss will rely for experience this year on his giant goalkeeper, Mal Haynes, one of Sutherland's most consistent performers over the last six years.

Central defender, Vic Dal Forno is another experienced man that Watkiss will be placing his trust upon.

This year should ensure another young Watkiss star will blossom in the budding form of striker, Shane Clinch.

Clinch made his debut with the Sharks last season but now is ready to give his very best.

Watkiss told us this week: "Shane is only 17 years old but he has everything. He has a great attitude, very good skills, excellent character and as far as his work rate, well the boy gives Sutherland 140 per cent. Always."

Watkiss continued: "He takes his opportunities very well although he is not

a powerful player."

Another star ready to be launched is Gary Knowles, a youngster that Watkiss has been grooming for a while.

Again, Knowles is only 16 years old and Watkiss has already slotted him into first grade in the central striking position.

Watkiss told us: "Gary is a local lad and has great potential. His attitude is great, and I have him doing some weight training to build himself up a bit. He needs strength getting into the box to bump off defenders. A striker must die in the box if he wants to crack goals."

Midfield Mr Consistency, Steve Meades for so long a tower of strength for Sutherland, has asked for a transfer this year from the club as he wants a change. Sutherland have \$8,000 on his head.

Another temporary loss to Sutherland this season, is striker, Tony Bush who could have cartilage problems.

Late last week, Bush went in for X-Rays and the club is now waiting on the results of same.

Greg Watkins is another great Watkiss product.

Last season, Watkiss had Watkins operating from the midfield, but this year has switched Greg into the left-back.

Striker, Craig Rogers is again another Watkiss product and although he is 21, has developed into a solid first grader.

Sutherland this year will have the youngest striking line in the State which again speaks volumes of the work that one Johnny Watkiss is doing.

We talk ALWAYS about pushing our young Soccer kids.

Watkiss doesn't talk about doing it, HE DOES IT.

## AMONG THE GIRLS

By Don Balmain

NSW isn't alone in showing interest in the position of State coach.

Whilst there were four applicants for the NSW job in South Australia, the position there attracted three top coaches.

The applicants were A. Nassar, B. Ballard and N. Jones with all being subjected to a ballot for selection. The successful applicant was a newcomer to women's soccer, a gentleman of Egyptian nationality, A. Nassar.

There has been a change in the administration in South Australian women's soccer as well.

Noel McGuinness, the previous President and secretary who got the S.A. Association off the ground so successfully, has retired from active administration.

The position of President now rests on the slim shoulders of Sonja Martens, previous Publicity Officer and centre back for the S.A. representative side for some years.

Sonja told me recently that with the past secretary, Rae Tanti, declining to continue this year, the state is without an administrative officer and Sonja is trying to keep things going by doing both jobs — not an ideal situation.

Jack Calgie, a reliable standby in many situations in past years with South Australia, has again taken on the holder of the purse position. Jack took over the coaching of the State side last year when their coach suddenly pulled out.

Moya Dodd is a newcomer onto the publicity scene this year and if eagerness is any indication, we will be hearing much more from South Australia this year.

In Western Australia, Barbara Gibson tells me that there has been nothing startling happening yet. Their first contest there starts on March 26 and is a knock-out type carnival.

The administration has not changed dramatically either. The President is Peter Demopolis who is in his early sixties and still finds time to coach teams as well as control the W.A. women's soccer.

Barbara Gibson, the secretary for some years, has again been re-elected to the position for 1983. George Crow and Beryl Miles remain on the executive committee this year and the only new member of the committee is Bill Lofthouse, who has taken on the Vice-Presidency.

There are three new clubs in the W.A. association this year and there is considerable interest being shown in junior members this year. They have great difficulty getting coaches willing to take the girls in training after school.

One pleasing news is that for the first time Western Australia will be entering a team in the Under-15 Championships held in Canberra in July.

Considerable interest has been shown in the new Metropolitan league for club sides arranged by the NSW Women's Federation.

With the exception of the Arncliffe Scots and Eastwood-Epping teams who have received prominence by their overseas tours, the competition will be made up from good club sides from the associations.

Teams entered in the competition are Sydney University, Sydney Olym-

pics, Arncliffe Scots, Eastwood-Epping, Ingleburn, Wenty-Waratahs, Smithfield Hotspurs, Blacktown Sprus and Prospect.

Strangely, three of the associations with a considerable number of players, Manly-Warringah and Sutherland and South Coast, have not entered teams this year.

No interest

South Coast refused permission for one of their top teams to enter the contest and Manly-Warringah, where there were 500 players registered last season, could not arouse any interest from their first division sides.

The emphasis on juniors is very evident in the entries for the graded competitions is representative football in NSW.

In the Under-15 division, Gladesville-Hornsby, Manly-Warringah, Holroyd, Blacktown, Sutherland, Liverpool and Ku-ring-gai will enter teams.

In the new division, the Under 17s, entries have come from Gladesville-Hornsby, Manly, St George, Holroyd, Blacktown and South Coast.

The senior division which has always been strong is again set for a competitive year.

Entries have come from Ku-ring-gai, South Coast, Liverpool, Sutherland, Blacktown, Holroyd, St George, Manly-Warringah and Gladesville-Hornsby.

It is pleasing to see the concern shown for the bush-fire victims in Victoria and South Australia by the soccer community. The NSW Women's Federation donated \$100 to the

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Socceroo striker Soper appears to be juggling the ball, keenly watched by Neil McGachey of West Adelaide.

## Slickers devour stunned Lions

By Greg Russell

**The Sydney City machine never really got above half pace but still comfortably beat an uninspiring Brisbane Lions 2-0 at Richlands Stadium.**

The reigning champions were kept scoreless in the first half but as Lions midfield runners tired in the second period and the physical defence began to lose some of its bite, Sydney City slotted away two goals and could have got at least another.

The Slickers, already depleted by transfers and injuries lost, first, David Mitchell with tonsillitis and then Murray Barnes with a back injury just before going into the opening national league fixture — but still put out a team that would be the envy of many clubs.

Ken Boden, John Kosmina and Joe Watson were the front three runners and had difficulty in making headway in the first half against five Lions defenders.

Coach Simon Kistemaker, who until a month ago had never even heard of Sydney City played twin stoppers and a sweeper in John Sime, Allan Hunter and Alan Marszalek.

The whole defence also played a man-to-man marking system with Lions players shadowing their opponents and tackling immediately they got the ball.

It made for some hefty challenges early in the game and Lions' Sime and Sydney City's Kevin Mullen both went into the book while several other players were lucky not to join them.

Gerry Gomez, drafted into the midfield, had a big game and could have given the visitors an early lead but shot over only seven minutes into the game.

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He made amends for that miss in the second half when he delightfully finished a move which was highlighted by some brilliant skill and running by Willie Murray.

Sydney City were beginning to find their feet and in the 64th minute, John Kosmina got away from Hunter, the former Queensland Youth team defender, and was only stopped from scoring by a great save by Nigel Lownds.

But the Australian captain got on the scoresheet in the 75th minute when he turned beautifully on the edge of the penalty box to race away from Hunter and slot the ball under Lownds.

It was disappointing for the young Hunter to be beaten so easily by Kosmina as until then, he had shown a lot of potential with good dominance in the air and sound tackling — by far the best of any player tried so far this season as a replacement for the injured Col Bennett.

That goal assured Sydney City of three points and they began swinging the ball across the park, further tiring the Lions players, but never really pressuring the goal.

Coach Eddie Thomson could be particularly pleased by the form shown by young Gomez, who despite the heat on the day, showed a willingness to run to all corners of the park.

Murray's skills also caused trouble for Lions defence, especially Bob McSkimming who was substituted in the second half, while Pezzano, Mullen and O'Connor all had sound performances.

Kistemaker was not so overjoyed after the match and conceded he had been beaten by a better team.

Johnny Davies was a surprise selection for Marconi on Sunday — being on loan from Riverwood who, in turn, had him on loan from St George.

After an impressive display, Marconi may extend the lend-lease for the rest of the season.

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Rasic: "What irks me is that although Marconi could only produce a goal from one corner kick in 90 minutes, we had to share the points."

"We are not out of the rebuilding phase, however, and still need one or two good players."

Doug Collins: "I suppose I have to be satisfied with a point under the circumstances."

"We had to put up with having key men out, but the biggest load was that our national youth team players were leaden-footed after yet another camp. It is a heavy load to carry."

# Gunners miss easy chances

By Keith Gilmour

**The steadying influence of replacement right-winger, John Djordjevic, made all the difference to Marconi in their 1-1 draw with powerful South Melbourne at Marconi Stadium today.**

Djordjevic was brought on in the 57th minute to replace Ian Hunter.

Whatever Djordjevic's ultimate position is in the Marconi lineup, there is no doubt that he can cause heaps of trouble for the opposition from the wings.

Soon after he settled down he slipped past South Melbourne leftback Alan Davidson and put Young Socceroo striker Rod Brown in possession.

Brown struck an incisive shot, but the ball ran just wide of the far post.

Over the game the visitors produced six clearcut chances to the home team's three. In fact, South Melbourne had their opponents at their mercy early in the second half before the game passed from their grip.

First Doug Brown bounced a header on the crossbar from Kenny Murphy's leftwing cross.

Then it was Murphy who planted his header on the crossbar from Brown's cross. Tit for tat, you might say.

On the latter occasion South Melbourne had two more unmarked players lining up for the header as well.

Certainly Carl Halford was creating a good impression for the Sydney fans as he worked South Melbourne's midfield, although in the 55th minute he missed a header by the narrowest of margins.

At this stage Rene Licata and Rod Brown were playing as twin strikers through the middle for the home side.

Afterwards Marconi coach, Doug Collins, pointed out that this pair plus leftback Joe Rizzotto and midfielder, Tom McCulloch, were suffering from their days of continual practise with the national

youth team during the week.

With only seven minutes remaining Rasic brought Branko Buljevic in as replacement for a strangely slow Oscar Crino.

One minute later Davidson had the chance of a lifetime to parcel up a win. Somehow his pass to bet-

ter-positioned players was lamely pushed to the grateful Allan Maher.

Once again, South Melbourne had lost their grip.

Then with two minutes remaining McCulloch broke through for Marconi and fired his shot only to see it blocked away for a corner.

## Footscray slaughter

By Jock Stephen

**Preston's inaccurate passing gave Footscray an attacking formation early with Ilioski and Tutill prominent.**

Preston put their game together and a snap goal in the eighth minute had the crowd on their toes.

Shortly afterwards Ollerton received a yellow card for a tackle behind Tutill.

Joe Carroll was prompting the Footscray forwards with split passing to liven up the attack. In the 15th minute Carroll shot wide when well placed and showed that he has good goal sense with two fine tries.

Claude Lucchessi responded in time for Preston and at the 19th minute he earned a yellow card.

At the 21st minute an Ilioski shot just missed and it was up to Preston to score again through Gary Ward from a pass laid on by Peter Ollerton in the 24th minute.

It was a spritely Preston now with another Ward shot parried by Boland with an ounce of luck. Lucchessi was playing clever football now and Preston held the upper hand although a Paul Simic breakaway went close.

Others in the Footscray attack were only struggling although a Simic try was well held by Richard Wilson. The difference bet-

ween the two sides lay in Preston's ability and teamwork.

In the 42nd minute a Lucic corner kick was headed on to Gus MacLeod who reduced the leeway.

Footscray pressed early in the second half and obviously had received a well-earned roaring at half-time as they were now more disciplined.

In the 53rd minute a Joe Carroll shot brought out the best in Richard Wilson who saved well. A huge MacLeod header from outside the box was well saved.

A Simic header at the 66th minute should have had more weight behind as Wilson cleared. George Campbell who had been a tower of strength for Preston received a neat pass from Ollerton and dribbled his way past Hazabent to score all the way in the 75th minute.

One minute later Ollerton capped a fine performance when he angled the ball past Boland to clinch the game which had slipped from Footscray's grasp.

Richard Wilson had been in good form and with Ollerton and Campbell were Preston's winners. Footscray struggled all day and their better players were O'Reilly, Carroll and Kondarious.

## Last gasp goal saves heart attack

By Tom McKain

**If coaches Bobby Ferguson and George Murray didn't have heart attacks at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday they never will.**

Canberra's Murray saw his team hit the front twice — only to be denied three points with 29 seconds of the match remaining.

Ferguson of Adelaide City, saw his players down, level, and down again. Then new Youth Socceroo squad striker, Steve Maxwell, put his coach — and the fans — through agony as he steadied himself in the box and refused to shoot until he had turned himself head-on to the goal to make sure Steve Hoszowski in the Canberra goal could not block his shot.

While there were lots of heroes on the park, Maxwell must have been tops for City fans.

The big blond striker made the score 1-1 in the 72nd minute when he latched onto a rebound from Hoszowski who had dived to save a drive from fellow-forward, Les Carter.

Earlier, it was Phil Redmond who had sent in a glancing header in the 34th minute when Steve Bryant gave him a lofted ball which had come out from the City defence after a corner.

With 12 minutes of the match remaining Frank Farina, signed from the Australian Institute of Sport on the Friday and making his debut for Canberra, broke on the left with City throwing everyone forward.

He cut into the box and with goalkeeper, Willie McNally, coming out, sent in a swerving ball which hit McNally's post and finished in the back of the net.

Then came Maxwell's equaliser.

But there had been drama aplenty earlier with both goalkeepers the star turns.

First Hoszowski saved what looked certain goals from midfielder, Sergio Melita, Carter and winger Charlie Villani.

At the other end of the park it was McNally who stopped a penalty from George Christopoulos after the keeper had brought down Farina with the way to goal clear.

And in the second period, Duncan Cole saved on the goal line from a Melita shot.

Over the whole piece, it was Hoszowski who saved Canberra if one considers the number of shots he had

to handle, and the pressure in his area he had to absorb, compared to McNally.

But then, if McNally hadn't saved the penalty, City could have crashed.

The jinx of not being able to win an opening round game at home since the inception of the PSL — NSL still stands as far as City is concerned.

In hot, humid conditions both teams found it hard to keep up top pace for the full 90 minutes — but it was the youngsters Farina and Maxwell who poured it all on.

Plus Redmond, who never gave up trying to batter his way through the City defenders.

He was eventually replaced by Ian Stone as coach Murray tried to tie up the game.

Ferguson also made a change, taking off Villani and sending on Jimmy Wright, another winger who curved in some frightening crosses at the Canberra defence.

But it must have been Murray who went home the happier coach — with three points for a win, it is not every team which will collect a point away from home.

Canberra coach, George Murray, had some harsh words for his star midfield trio after the 2-2 draw with Adelaide City.

He made no secret of the fact that he would be speaking to George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne and Duncan Cole before Sunday's home game against Brisbane Lions.

"They are all internationalists and I would have expected a bit more from them when we hit the front, particularly the second time," said Murray.

"I'm the first to enjoy lovely soccer, but when the chips are down you want a bit more fight and determination."

However, he admitted a draw was better than de-

feat, but had been hoping to start the season with three points.

"I must admit Steve Hoszowski had a magnificent game in goal and when he plays like that I don't believe there is anyone better in Australia."

"And perhaps we would have come away with three points if Steve McNally hadn't saved Christopoulos' penalty."

"But it's over now and we must look ahead."

Bottalico: "We created enough scoring chances, but failed to capitalise on them."

"In the second half we were penalised for momentary lapses of concentration."





Martyn Rogers, the Olympic defender, clears from West Adelaide's Paul Wormley.

# Bubble bursts for Olympic

By Tom Anderson

Five thousand disappointed Olympic supporters must have felt like committing suicide after watching their team perform like a bunch of spare parts in a shock 1-0 defeat.

After threatening to set the world on fire during the pre-season warm-up games, Olympic failed to produce the goods when it really mattered.

In the match-day program, Olympic coach Tom Docherty wrote: "Pre-season results count for nothing. You get no points for winning. This week it all begins for serious — no more friendlylies." The Doc should have made sure his players read the program before the game!

Any resemblance bet-

ween Olympic's performance in the pre-season and the one against West Adelaide was purely coincidental.

Too many Olympic players tried to go it alone and grab the limelight and this resulted in a puerile performance against a West Adelaide team that was well organised and had players working for each other.

Olympic should sit down and have a look at a video of the match and take a lesson on team-work from the South Australians.

Mind you it's an expensive way of learning — by losing three vital competition points on your first outing.

Another mystifying aspect of this game was the decision to play recognised defender Jim Ziras in the central striking position to replace the injured Mark Koussas.

Ziras was completely lost in this role and should have been replaced long before the 63rd minute when young Arthur Svinos was brought on.

The only goal in this

game was scored by the industrious Graham Heys in the 7th minute when his shot was deflected by an Olympic defender over the head of goalkeeper Peter Wilson.

Certainly Olympic had the majority of possession but they just did not know how to make full use of it.

Olympic persisted in playing down the middle of the ground and did not use their flanks until the last 10 minutes of the game when it was too late.

## Wolves keep fans from the door

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong City coach, Willie Wallace, said a lack of mobility in his midfield cost the Wolves a point after they could only draw 1-1 with Brisbane City at Zions Park.

Wallace said his midfield combination lacked imagination and didn't have anyone capable of pushing forward to link-up with the attack.

"All we needed was one of the midfield players to show a bit of adventure and we would have got the goals we wanted," he said. "We had 80 per cent of the play but had to rely on Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton to fend for themselves up front."

Wallace said it was easy for the Brisbane defence to cut them out by sheer weight of numbers.

He said he needs Alan Waldron in the midfield and possibly Leichhardt

midfielder, Zdenko Kafka, in his side as soon as possible.

Negotiations with Leichhardt to sign Kafka will go ahead this week.

The Wolves opening game was hardly the spectacle officials had hoped for to draw back the crowds — if anything it will have only kept them away.

The home side had most scoring chances but fell down badly in this department and most of their midfield play was across the park, making them look very negative.

Their defence looked safe enough with captain Chris Dunleavy looking as good as ever after a slow start to the season through injury.

Brisbane were quite happy to return home with a point and their best player, Peter Tokesi, spoiled his performance with too much rough stuff and was eventually booked by referee Tim Davies.

Another Brisbane player, Frank Liddell, also went in for the book in a Brisbane side which looked very physical at times.

Apart from the talented Tokesi, Billy Williamson did well playing a lone hand out front but was allowed plenty of room to move at times.

Steve Perry had a hectic time marking O'Connor but they probably came out square over all.

O'Connor never stopped trying despite having two and sometimes three defenders marking him, but he did manage to get the Wolves' goal.

It came after just eight minutes to give the locals a great start to the season.

Larry Gaffney was the architect of the goal, sending a perfectly directed pass to O'Connor just outside the penalty area.

O'Connor shrugged off two attempted tackles and sent a good, low drive into the Brisbane City net.

## New boy says thanks with Saints winner

By John Economos

St George's latest signing, Kenny Wilson from Sydney Olympic, began to earn his keep immediately for the Saints when he scored the only goal of the match against Newcastle KB at the St George Stadium five minutes from full-time.

The first half was scoreless and we were dished up some pretty uninspiring football, even though the Saints had a glut of possession.

However, the match erupted in the 29th minute when veteran left striker, Dez Marton, squared a nice ball inside the box to Mark Barton who smashed his shot first time from only six metres out and well on target... only to see Newcastle's goalkeeper, Clint Gosling bring off a magnificent save to get KB off the hook.

Marton seven minutes from the break took a free-kick from 20 metres out and blasted a left-footed crashing-dipper that just skimmed over KB's crossbar.

Only four minutes after the break, Newcastle should have scored when their wonderful little striker from Australia's World Youth team, David Lowe, busted through on his own with only Saints' keeper, Terry Greedy to beat. But Lowe pushed the ball around Greedy too firmly and it ran out of play to deny Newcastle drawing first blood.

St George could have hit the front in the 78th minute when Marton set sail on a long solo run into the Newcastle box but his left-footed blast from only 10 metres out, crashed onto the base of the left post.

Then it was left to St George's newest Saint, Kenny Wilson to get his team out of jail when in the 80th minute from a Dez Marton corner taken from the left, Wilson got up well to head strongly downwards towards the net from eight metres out.

Both Ratcliffe and Mason fought for the ball. Mason got his left boot to the ball but Wilson's header had already crossed the line.

From an entertainment point of view the match was sub-standard, mainly because players failed to release the ball first time: AND because passes were very poor with possession repeatedly lost denying the foundations to good promising forward attacks.

The St George midfield was most guilty of such offences plus the fact that ball-service up front to the Saints strikers Wilson, Wilkinson and Marton was too slow allowing Newcastle's back-four to shut-down easily.

Another factor which helped mar the match was that the midfield was heavily crowded and both teams lacked width up front adding to the congested traffic down through the middle.

For St George, sweeper David Ratcliffe and strikers Marton and Wilson distributed well whilst left-back, Robbie O'Shea was very sound in defence and willing to push up when on the ball.

For the Newcastle side, newly-signed central defenders, Gary Watson and Peter Bourke gave little away. Goalkeeper Clint Gosling was outstanding with young left-back Howard Tredinnick looking good.

Biggest disappointments from the Newcastle lads would have to be the performances from match-winners Joey Senkalski and David Lowe.

Lowe had the excuse that ball-supply to him was

slow and spasmodic.

Saints manager Frank Arok after the match told us: "I am only happy with the three points, nothing else."

Meanwhile in Newcastle's dressing room, Kenny Kaiser lamented: "I feel we had just as many chances as Saints and we will pick up points this year."

"Being defeated by St George only 1-0 is no real disgrace I would say."



Wollongong Wolves chairman, Laurie Kelly, was a disappointed man when only 1,624 fans turned up for the opening game of the season against Brisbane City.

Kelly said after the game despite the heat his board felt the team would get far better support at this stage of the season.

"We've done all we can to get together a strong team and try to give the people top soccer in Wollongong but unless the crowds improve dramatically we face big problems," he said.

After showing only mediocre form in lead-up matches the Wolves could not really expect a bumper crowd against Brisbane City who finished on the bottom of the table last season.

The warm weather must also have had a lot to do with the small attendance.

## FIVE-MINUTE BURST ENOUGH FOR BERGERS

By Con Nikolopoulos

Heidelberg United survived intense pressure in the opening half of the first game of the seventh national championship, to down Leichhardt 2-0.

A five minute attacking spree in the final quarter of the game produced two weak goals, enabling Heidelberg supporters to celebrate their first major win of the season.

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton's decision to reinforce his forward line with an orthodox forward, in the 75th minute, paid dividends.

Morton brought English import, Derek Lea, into the game to upset Leichhardt's solid defence.

Until then, Heidelberg relied on their three converted forwards, Valentine, Toro, and Selemidis, who found it extremely difficult to advance into Greg Woodhouse's inner sanctum.

Leichhardt had dominated the first 45 minutes and created a glut of scoring opportunities.

Their forwards, however, squandered scoring chance after scoring chance, giving Heidelberg the opportunity to rearrange their team.

Arno Bertogna opened the attacking for the visitors with a powerful shot. The ball, however, sailed past the post.

Bradley missed a brilliant opportunity to shoot his team into the lead in the 14th minute when he sent Jeff Olver off his goaline and lobbed the ball.

Much to Bradley's disappointment, Olver sprang in the air to tap the ball over the bar.

Leichhardt were very unfortunate not to take the lead in the 16th minute when Bertogna rose majestically inside Heidelberg's area to head a corner by Austrian forward,

Schermann.

His strong header bounced off Valeri's back for a goal kick.

Heidelberg mounted their first attack in the 20th minute. Toro put Valentine through and the versatile midfielder sent the ball to Selemidis who repeated Bradley's action lobbing the ball over Woodhouse's head and over the crossbar.

Heidelberg United became more enterprising in the second half and gradually took control of the game.

Their inability, however, to penetrate Leichhardt's defence caused a lot of unnecessary frustration and short passes in an attempt to draw the crowded defence.

Right-back Ian McKie, prompted most of Heidelberg's attacks from the right flank. McKie carried the ball forward consistently and lobbed it in the box

for Valentine and Selemidis.

However, Bertogna cleared most of the crosses shielding his goal from danger.

Morton brought Lea into the game in the 75th minute, to increase his firing power, because Selemidis failed to win his individual battles.

Kenny Taylor broke the deadlock in the 85th minute by converting a Mike Valentine cross from the right side of the park.

The goal caused Leichhardt's defence to lose its composure and allow English import, Robert Vincent, to increase the margin a minute later.

Valentine mounted an attack from the midfield and put Vincent through with a defence-splitting pass.

Vincent exchanged the ball quickly with Toro and found himself the right gap to slide the ball past Woodhouse.



# National Soccer League



● Marconi and Australian striker, Mark Jankovics burst through into attack. Jankovic will be a key player for Marconi's 1983 title honours.

## **SOUTH MELBOURNE V SYDNEY OLYMPIC**

VENUE: Middle Park  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: J. Fearn; Linesmen - J. Brennan, J. Santa-Isabel

## **SYDNEY CITY V MARCONI**

VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: B. Wilkinson; Linesmen - N. Condron, M. Lupas

## **CANBERRA V BRISBANE LIONS**

VENUE: Bruce Stadium  
DATE: Saturday, March 19  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: G. Davies; Linesmen - N. Murray, B. Lindh

## **BRISBANE CITY V ADELAIDE CITY**

VENUE: Spencer Park  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 2.00 pm  
REFEREE: D. Nugent; Linesmen - K. Andriaanson, B. Norton



## **PRESTON V HEIDELBERG**

VENUE: Connor Reserve  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: Not yet known; Linesmen: S. Zoumas-J. Fraser.

## **LEICHHARDT V ST GEORGE**

VENUE: To be decided; watch daily press.  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: G. Power; Linesmen - K. Took, P. Wood

## **NEWCASTLE V WOLLONGONG**

VENUE: International Sports Centre  
DATE: Saturday, March 19  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: A. Owens; Linesmen - N. Jones, B. Ray

## **WEST ADELAIDE V FOOTSCRAY**

VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium  
DATE: Sunday, March 20  
KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm  
REFEREE: P. Martell; Linesmen - P. Smallman, S. Caminiti



● Newcastle K.B.'s powerful striker, David Jones, breaks over the top of Marconi's Bertie Mariani's slide tackle to cut out the ball.





# SCOREBOARD

## St George v Newcastle 1-0

ST GEORGE Greedy, Skeen, M O Shea, Ratcliffe, R O Shea, Barton, Stone, J O Shea, Wilson, Wilkinson (Koczka 63 min), Marton, Coach F Arok  
 NEWCASTLE Gosing, Maier, Watson, Bourke, Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Jones, Lowe, Mountford, Buckley (Drysdale 71 min), Coach K Kaiser  
 REFEREE P Rampley  
 CROWD 2150

## Footscray v Preston 1-4

FOOTSCRAY Boland, Kyrakoureas, Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Tuti, Simc, Carroll, G Macleod (Curovic 79 min), Illosk, Coach R McLachlan  
 PRESTON Wilson, Opasinas, Petrovski, Ollerton (Farrell 82 min), Jones, Todorovski, Campbell, Lucchess, McMillan, Odzakov, Ward, Coach P Ollerton  
 GOALS: 0-1 Ollerton (8), 0-2 Ward (24), 1-2 MacLeod (42), 1-3 Campbell (75), 1-4 Ollerton (76)  
 CROWD 4,500  
 REFEREE C Bambridge (Vic)

## Marconi v Sth. Melbourne 1-1

MARCONI Maher, Degney, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Davies, Sermanni, Brown, Hunter (Djordjevic 57 min), Licata, Coach D Collins  
 STH MELBOURNE Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino (Buljevic 83 min), Wooddin, Brown, Egan, Coach: R Rasic  
 GOALS: 1-0 McCulloch (2 min), 1-1 Egan (28 min)  
 CROWD 2858  
 REFEREE T. Boskovic

## Adelaide City v Canberra 2-2

ADELAIDE CITY McNaily, B Nyskohus, Manou, Banfield, Mirer, Melta, Dods, Nyskohus, Carter, Vilani (Wright 64), Maxwell, Coach B Ferguson  
 CANBERRA Hoszowski, Young, Bryant, Cole, Murray, T Byrne, Gibson, Farina, Redmond (Stone 67), G Byrne, Christopoulos, Coach: G Murray  
 GOALS: Redmond (34 min), Maxwell (72 min), Farina (78 min), Maxwell (89 min)  
 REFEREE D Campbell (SA)

## Wollongong v Brisb. City 1-1

WOLLONGONG CITY Preston, Willis, Polard, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Ainsworth, Fleming, Cotton, Gaffney, McBreen, O'Connor, Coach W Wallace  
 BRISBANE CITY Wishart, Wilkinson, Tokesi, Perry, Liddell, Pimblett, Hughes, Gockner, Cairney, Williamson, Bohan, Coach: J Hermiston  
 GOALS: O'Connor (8 min), Bohan (34 min)  
 CROWD 1624  
 REFEREE T. Davies

## Olympic v West Adelaide 0-1

OLYMPIC Wilson, Rogers, Dakos, Herbert, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Kalhoios, Patikas, Philips, Soper, Zras (Svados 63rd min), Coach T Docherty  
 WEST ADELAIDE Crook, McGregor, McGachey, Dunn, Amy, Hier, Brennan, Alsalas, Heys, Wormley, Hon-eyman, Coach A Vest  
 GOAL: Heys (7 min)  
 CROWD 5010  
 REFEREE T. Boskovic

## Lions v Sydney City 0-2

LIONS Lownds, McSkimming (Daunt, 67 min), Marszalek, Hunter, Sime, Niven, Stewart, Hogg, Wright, Kelso, De Geer, Coach: S. Kistemaker  
 SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Muller, O'Connor, Robert-son, Bruce, Cant, Gomez, Murray (Lee 76 min), Watson, Kosmina, Boden, Coach Thomson  
 GOALS: 0-1 Gomez (53), 0-2 Kosmina (75)  
 CROWD: About 1200  
 REFEREE: A. Kibbler (Qld)

## Heidelberg v Leichhardt 2-0

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Tansey, McLeod, Yankos, Vincent, Spanos, Taylor, Selemidis (Lea 75), Toro, Valentine, Coach K Morton  
 LEICHHARDT Woodhouse, Carter, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown, Butler, Tredinnick, Bradley, Valeri, Schamann, Giampaolo, Coach: F Bottalico  
 GOALS: Taylor (85 min), Vincent (86 min)  
 REFEREE: S Mellings (Vic)  
 CROWD: 3,000

Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson, a former Scottish goalkeeper, appreciated the performance of Steve Hoszowski in the Canberra goal, but still felt his team should have won.  
 "We've got a lot of good players, but it's a matter of getting the right blend," he said when discussing the fact that he was able to leave out Youth Socceroo Joe Mullen, and start former Scottish professional Jimmy Wright, on the bench.

"I believe in different types of players for certain games so you could see a change against Brisbane City next round," said Ferguson.  
 "It's early days yet but we are still looking for three more players and at least one of them will be an experienced ready-made player."

Morton: "I was delighted with the performance of the team in the second half. Today's game highlighted the need for a good striker to lead our side."

"We are negotiating with two strikers but we are not in a hurry to make a decision. A forward from Egypt has arrived (Ahmed Awad) from AEK of Athens and we will be examining him carefully during the week before making any decisions."

"We are also negotiating with Perry Forster from Tasmania and we hope that one of these boys will fit in our side."

# Top clash in Melbourne

The big clash of the week will take place in Melbourne where South and Sydney Olympic come to grips.

Both suffered setbacks last weekend and will be keen to make amends.

Neither impressed greatly last Sunday South Melbourne, while they showed glimpses of their undoubted class, looked far too circumspect.

Their highly rated stars Crino and Wooddin would have to dramatically lift their games to retain their places in the demanding Rasic's team.

In the other Melbourne match two winners meet as Preston and Heidelberg come face to face.

Preston put on a very good show and could add three more points to their tally.

Four of the five Sydney teams will be involved in local derbies.

Sydney City, clearly among the title contenders again, will start favorites against Marconi whose weaknesses were somewhat exposed on Sunday.

Leichhardt, listless losers in Melbourne, will meet

St George in what could be a very tight contest.

Brisbane City will want to continue their point gathering against Adelaide City while the other Brisbane side, Lions, travel to Canberra for the points.

At Newcastle one of the main interests will be the size of the crowd in the match against Wollongong.

Neither team started off too well and the loser can expect to fall back in the race.

West Adelaide will be at home to Footscray and, on form, should score another good win firmly planting Footscray at their traditional post — near the bottom of the table.



Sydney City's Gerardo Gomez (left) in an aerial battle with Lions' Calvin Daunt. Pic by Carlos Picasso.



# NSL SCORE CHART

	SYDNEY CITY	ST. GEORGE	WOLLONGONG	HEIDELBERG	PRESTON	STH. MELBOURNE	LEICHHARDT	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	WEST ADELAIDE	MARCONI	BRISBANE LIONS	NEWCASTLE KB	ADELAIDE CITY	FOOTSCRAY	CANBERRA	BRISBANE CITY
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BRISBANE LIONS	0-2															
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# Adelaide teams may queue up

By Tom McKain

**They could be queuing up in SA to join a regional league if the plan is introduced next year, as predicted by NSL manager Steve Kamasz.**

When there was a hint of the move for this season Azzurri, the State League champions, were first off the rank.

They had already made a study of the possibility of joining the current NSL.

Polonia are also on the list for a regional plan, as are Campbelltown.

And Salisbury, just piped for the Second Division title by West Adelaide's NSL reserve side, will make a giant bid.

This has been made clear by Steve Jarvis, the clubs treasurer-coach, who has thrown his business, Jarvis Ford, behind the club financially.

On in the northern area Salisbury merges into Para Hills and Elizabeth both with First Division teams.

Para is certain to make a bid, but as has been said so many times before — Salisbury, Para and Elizabeth should be combined to form an NSL team or a regional club.

Jarvis has said he is willing to talk to either of the other two clubs, but any

merging of assets, including players, won't come easily.

It could also be said that Azzurri and Campbelltown should join with Adelaide City, all three being Italian-backed clubs, and all in the same area.

## Expensive

**SA Federation secretary Peter Nikolich says he is the ruling body would assist any clubs in their efforts to join a regional set-up, but until the move official he cannot elaborate on any thoughts the Federation Board has on the proposal.**

While clubs' interest is encouraging, we wonder if they will all be so enthusiastic when they discover how much it will cost.

Even if travelling is restricted to Adelaide and Melbourne, clubs would still be looking at \$100,000 at least for a season, according to NSL president Sam Papasavas if they want to be as professional as possible.

Nothing could be worse than clubs trying to oper-

ate on the same lines as some do at the moment, and expect to survive in a regional contest.

And one wonders about the wisdom of going regional in the present financial climate.

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The current 16 NSL teams are struggling to make ends meet and find sponsors.

And there is no doubt sponsors will still be needed for a regional set-up.



Barry Kelso (left) of Brisbane Lions and Steve Perry of Brisbane City in their NSL Cup clash.

## For goodwill

The Socceroos may not have beaten New Zealand in Auckland recently but they certainly won the admiration of at least two people following a kind public relations gesture.

The story has surfaced in Brisbane of a businessman who was in Auckland and happened to meet up with some of the Socceroos who were staying in the same hotel.

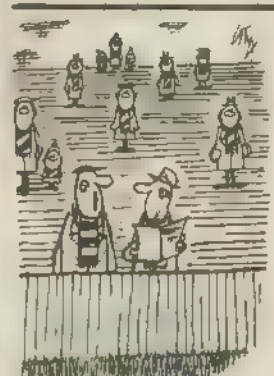
The gentleman concerned happened to mention in passing he had a grandson who played for a Brisbane junior team and would dearly love The Socceroos' autographs.

The businessman thought nothing more of his request and left the hotel for several days to attend to some matters.

On his return to his delight and that of his grandson's later, he found a letter addressed to the grandson and carrying the autographs of the entire national squad.

Full marks to whoever was concerned. The time taken to get the autographs helped reinforce the good image Australian soccer teams are making while overseas.

—G Russell



## Ampol Cup semis fall into place

By Tom McKain

**The seedings system has fallen into place for the SA Soccer Federation with the two NSL clubs Adelaide City and West Adelaide into the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup.**

The final placings in the two league tables couldn't have been better at the end of the minor round with West topping Group A and City Group B.

This means they are bound for a final showdown — unless Azzurri who meet West tomorrow night can win and Polonia shatter City.

Polonia crushed Para Hills 5-1 to edge out Croatia for a semi spot last week, while City coasted against Campbelltown to win 2-0.

On form, West should beat Azzurri who fell 3-1 to City in the minor round while West beat City 1-0 in the first round of the National Cup.

Polonia went down 2-1 to West.

However, there will be no walk-overs for the NSL sides.

For starters Polonia appears to have at last got their act together.

Little Jan Kierno is striding the midfield majestically and his fellow Polish import, newcomer Adam Karpinski, is finding his Australian feet with every training run.

Garie Dooley has linked well with the Polish pair and this trio will provide the springboard against West.

One advantage the State League clubs have is that they have no games at the weekend.

Sweeper Neil Banfield is back at his peak after returning from England.

If he can join Melita in midfield with some of his probing runs, then Polonia keeper Howie Jacques could be a busy man.

Provided everyone survives the clash with Olympic West is expected to retain the squad which knocked City out of the National Cup.

Midfielder Stewart Blair could be on the bench if his ankle injury heals in time but striker Wally Bojczuk, who started from the bench against City, could be on from the kick-off against his old club.

With Graham Heys on the wing striking up an understanding with new striker Paul Wormley and Bojczuk Socceroo squad goalkeeper David Miller should get a chance to prove himself in the Azzurri goal.

Azzurri slaughtered Campbelltown 4-0 early in the Ampol Cup but then floundered against City and had to struggle for a 2-1 win over lowly Beograd.

On paper striker George Konstandopoulos, and midfielders Andy Toland and John Francis can worry West but their problems is to keep going for the full 90 minutes.

Azzurri started like champions against City, then fizzled out.

Konstandopoulos, a brilliant young striker signed from Port Adelaide will have to be at his best to make any impression on West centre back pair Bobby Dunn and Neil McGachey.

And Mickey Brennan has been brilliant so far in the West midfield as a destroyer and creator.

It should be a great great night, but it looks like a promoter's dream with a West-City final.

Details from final minor round.

Polonia v Para Hills 5-1 (3-0).

Polonia Jacques Kolecnik, Stanczak, Bagojevic, Prsimontate, (Kozak 46 min), Caluta, Di Bartolo, Dooley, Kierno, Karpinski, (Paradopoulos 70 min), M Kosmina.

Para Hills Wood Ryan, Humphries, Gardiner, Harvey, Hughes, (Preston 1-1), Cole, Tomlinson, Amos, Key, (McCafferty 64 min), Mitchell.

Goals: Dooley (14 and 25 min), Di Bartolo (45 and 57 min), Kierno (28 min), Gardiner (74 min).

Referee: J Rossis. Crowd: 1400 Double-header.

Adelaide City v Campbelltown 2-0 (0-0).

Adelaide City: McNally, B Nyskohus, Banfield, Miller, Manou, Melita Dods, J. Nyskohus, Carter, Mullen, (Rankin 55 min), Wright.

Campbelltown: Pivetta, Richardson, (Chadwick 65 min), Adamo, Haig, Parsons, Barendregt, Edwards, Halliday, Matriciani, Webb, Matiscsak, (Mahony 53 min).

Goals: Miller (45 min), Ranking (77 min).

Ref: B Kerr. Crowd: 1400 Double-header.

## Hibs may visit S.A.

By Tom McKain

The SA Soccer Federation and the VSF could combine to bring Scottish Premier League team Hibernian to Australia.

A relative of a Hibs' official has handed over a letter to SASF secretary Peter Nikolich, which says the club is interested in an overseas tour in May and naming Australia as a preference.

"We have had a verbal discussion with Victor and I have now forwarded the letter to them," said Nikolich.

"We are without any tour teams this year, with the England squad missing Adelaide, and provided the Scots bring a full strength party, then we would be delighted to co-host the trip with the Victorians."

The SA State team beat Yugoslav tourists Vojvodina and almost picks itself from the two NSL clubs West and Adelaide City.

West coach Alan Vest is still State coach, although the squad does not have any regular training sessions unless there is a firm fixture arranged.

"I understand Hibs would be interested in four games," said Nikolich.

"So the tour could also involve Sydney and Perth."

**Illawarra clubs Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United provided some good public relations for the area recently.**

During the Umbro Shield round robin in Wollongong a University player broke a leg in two places and will be in hospital for 22 weeks.

Fairy Meadow organised a banquet appeal in the last qualifying round of the shield and the supporters gave generously.

Not to be outdone, United held a blanket appeal during their first competition game against University.

You can only applaud this kind of thing and be grateful people in soccer can help rival clubs.

Let's hope some Sydney clubs can make some kind of donation to what is certainly a very worthy cause.

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**Bellambi have lodged a protest with the ISA over a \$900 transfer fee placed on midfielder Ian Cirson by Coniston.**

A talented player, Cirson would fill the gap left by Glen Shepherd, who has left for Wollongong United.

Bellambi coach John Frew says he is disappointed with the transfer fee as Bellambi is an amateur club.

It would be a far better situation all round if clubs could be sensible about transfers within the district because all clubs are paying out at all points.

**In a recent issue I mentioned that Fairy Meadow striker Macca Davis had been suspended for three games after being sent off in an Umbro Shield game.**

He was given three games by the NSW judiciary, but his troubles didn't end there.

Standing behind a goal watching his team playing University Davis brought a roar from the crowd.

Home team striker Steve Baker had a powerful shot a goal but the ball flew just past an upright and knocked a hot dog and drink out of Davis' hands.

Davis said he can't wait to get back in to action. "It's safer on the field than on the sideline and Steve wouldn't even reimburse me for the hot dog and drink," he said.

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**Wollongong United striker Steve Quirk has wasted no time fitting in to the side since his pre-season signing from Coniston.**

Formerly with Bulli, where he started out in their star-studded under-18 side, he scored a gem of a goal against Rockdale in the Umbro Shield.

It came through sheer determination after he completely miskicked an easy chance in front of goal.

Instead of hanging his head he fought to get the ball back and eventually

## Illawarra reporting

By Phil Murphy

turned on the edge of the box and hammered home a fine goal in to the roof of the net.

On the subject of that game it is obvious there will be plenty of animosity between the two teams.

The players hacked at one another all day after Rockdale started the problems conceding five free kicks in the first 10 minutes.

Referee Terry Seacy must have been weary holding up yellow cards but generally he did a very good job to keep order.

Let's hope the Federation appoint a top man when the teams meet in the league because there appear a few scores to be settled.

It's better to avert any possibility of a riot with a little foresight.

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**Bellambi veteran Robert Banks will again turn out with the club this**

**season. At 37, Banks is able to talk to the young Bellambi side and is a big asset to coach John Frew.**

Frew says Banks is a big help to him on the field.

"I thought we had big problems when we lost a few players from last season but the vacancies have been filled," he said.

Last season's best and fairest player Don Barkey is out injured for the start of the season but when he gets back Frew is confident his side will again be up near the top.

They got as far as the final last season — a great effort with such a young squad.







Carl Holford (South Melbourne) sidefoots the ball past Green Gully's Willie Vassallo. Photo: John Punshon.

Heidelberg defender Jim Tansey, will continue his illustrious career at Olympic Village.

The outstanding left-back settled his financial differences with the club and has signed a year's contract.

Tansey fell out with his committee a few weeks ago following their refusal to settle an outstanding debt of \$3,000.

Intense negotiations failed to produce results and Tansey did not line up for the Ampol Cup final against Green Gully.

The matter was settled last week and Tansey was named captain for the National Cup game against Footscray.

Tansey joined Heidelberg United from Slavia, almost a decade ago. His career has been outstanding and he has matured to be the most experienced defender in the Heidelberg line-up.

A nasty knee injury, during a championship game against Adelaide City at Olympic Park, forced him out of the game for almost a year.

His knee had to be re-structured and a cloud of

## Tansey to stay put



Footscray's Igor Hazabent (right) beats Heidelberg's Gary Cole to the ball at Melbourne's Olympic Park. Photo: John Punshon.

doubt was hanging over his head for a considerable time.

Tansey regained his position in the team, to-

wards the end of the 1982 championship and has since become the best performer in Heidelberg's defence.

# Scheinflug to Mexico?

By Fred Villiers

**Should national coach Les Scheinflug go to Mexico or stay here?**

Surely his first preference should be to the national team.

Australia's youth team has an assistant coach, Raul Blanco. He should go to Mexico.

The fact is if Blanco is not capable, he shouldn't be Scheinflug's assistant.

How will it look if England comes here to play three games in June and our No.1 coach isn't in Australia?

It's Scheinflug's duty to prepare our new national team and not leave it in the hands of a caretaker coach.

The Australian Soccer Federation and our World

Cup committee can find themselves in an embarrassing position.

Should the Socceroos do well under a caretaker coach they will have to retain him because it would be foolish to give the job back to Scheinflug.

Should they be humiliated by England the ASF will have to take the full responsibility for Scheinflug not being here.

I hope the people who messed up our last World Cup chance with Gutendorf will treat this matter more seriously when our World Cup committee meet next week in Sydney.

I personally think Scheinflug should stick to our youth team and the seniors should be handed over to someone else.

For instance, my candidates would be Rale Rasic, Len McKendry or Eddie Thomson.

This is no reflection on Scheinflug who has more than proved his worth as a national coach with our future World Cup stars in Costa Rica.

I understand a search for talent to help improve the sides which crashed twice recently to the Kiwis is under way.

### Sydneysiders

Most players being considered at present are Sydneysiders. I wonder if Les has heard of Melbourne and a State League team with the funny sounding name, Green Gully?

They have a couple of players by the name of Lewis. They're not brothers but they're a couple of great players. Peter is a defender and Paul is a striker.

This pair had much to do with the collapse of NSL club Heidelberg United when the Gully team thrashed them 5-0 in the recent Victorian Ampol Cup final.

The coach of that team incidentally is Len McKendry, the Londoner who produced winning Victorian state sides which beat A&E

of Greece 4-0; Red Star Belgrade 2-1; Partizan 1-0, South Australia 2-0 and NSW 4-0.

McKendry also coached the Heidelberg side which won the 1980 PSL grand final beating Sydney City 4-0.

If readers think I'm a McKendry man, they're right. I am.

Last time we tried to win a place in the Cup finals we produced a team of individuals who didn't know where they were playing from one match to the next. Nothing was done about it although it was obvious to the uninitiated what was going on.

Are we going to sit back and watch the same thing happen again?

My plea, on behalf of all Australian soccer enthusiasts, is a simple one. It is directed to our World Cup committee.

Please don't mess up our chances again!

## RASIC DENIES

**South Melbourne manager-coach, Rale Rasic, has squashed rumours, naming him as a candidate for the job of caretaker for the national team.**

"Some people never cease to amaze me", says Rale Rasic. "Nobody has approached me about the job let alone offered it to me."

"By the way," he adds, "let me tell them the job does not interest me at all. I only wish some people had enough sense not to make silly statements."

Rasic declined to comment on the performance of the Socceroos against New Zealand.

"At this stage, you can be critical but not correct," he said, obviously implying that the criticism directed to Les Scheinflug and the Socceroos is somewhat premature.

## Riverwood at the crossroads

The amalgamation involving Riverwood and Liverpool is not as clear-cut as first thought.

The Southern Districts Soccer Association has invited Riverwood to change its name to Liverpool and play at the District's home ground, Ernie Smith Reserve. The 50 clubs in the district overwhelmingly supported this move.

Alex Morrisson, S.D.S.F.A. secretary, said: "We want Riverwood to provide top class soccer in an area starved of high level sport in any code."

"At the same time, this will provide the opportunity for the young players in the Association to play at a higher level."

Riverwood officials and the majority of soccer supporters in the Liverpool area are hopeful that two crucial meetings — the first with Liverpool Council on March 15 and the second with the New South Wales Soccer Federation on March 22 — will give the move the green light.

Riverwood president, Wal Fraser said: "Soccer as a whole must benefit, to say nothing of the thousands of youngsters in the District who are leaving the area in their quest to play top class soccer."

Negotiations on the integration of Hadjuk Rangers — a Yugoslavian based club — are continuing as an alternative if the Liverpool move fails.

"Hadjuk have a good licensed club and an adjoining ground at St John's Park together with strong spectator support," said Riverwood secretary Peter Morgan.

Regardless of any situation, the Riverwood committee is determined that the club will continue to play in the first division in the NSW State League.

## COOL SCOTT, HOT JIM

**Preston has pulled out of negotiations for Box Hill striker Scott Patterson.**

Club president John Branov confirmed that the deal is "no longer on" but would not comment on the reason behind the breakdown.

The young striker, who was a substitute in Victoria's match against Watford last year, trained with Preston for a number of weeks and a swap deal involving Richard Miranda plus cash was at one stage a strong possibility.

However the deal was delayed when the striker was injured at training and by the time he was back to full fitness, Preston had gone cool on the swap.

The Hi-men have recalled Patterson to their pre-season training and were negotiating for Miranda's transfer.

Preston seems to be more concerned with strengthening its midfield now and is understood to have made an approach to Green Gully for Jimmy Williams.

## BELL PARK AIM FOR THE TOP

By Fred Villiers

**New Bell Park coach Dave O'Connor won't settle for anything as he proved last year with Morwell Falcons.**

Under his reign, the LaTrobe Valley club finished in the State League top four after only one season in top company.

Now he has the same plans for Geelong's most progressive first division side.

"We are aiming for promotion," he told me. "I don't promise it. All I

can promise is the players and myself will give 100 per cent to the club. But I have the State League in mind."

When asked who he feared most in this year's competition, he said: "Frankston Pines will be a big threat and I think Richmond could be too."

But if Dave has his way, he'll play himself up front with target men John Bond and David Perkins, the former Morwell stars he successfully brought with him to Bell Park.

O'Connor knows what it takes to win. He's a former Barnsley (Eng-

land) professional who has played Philips League for Pan Hellenic and Brisbane Lions. In Victoria he coached Richmond to promotion to first division.

"When I went to Bell Park I had a bit of a clear out," he said. "Ian MacCarthy has gone to Geelong West and Les Skuza, a front runner, is going to another Geelong club."

"Apart from Bond and Perkins, I've bought forward Nigel Daniels from Morwell and I'm hoping to get Billy Wilkinson, the former North American League star, now with

Sunshine-George Cross.

"We have signed full back Joe Tatanni, of Hamlyn Rangers, and also Steve Thomason, a defender from Northampton, in England. Now I'm looking for a goalkeeper," he said.

During the two months O'Connor has been at Bell Park he hasn't had the success he would have liked being beaten 2-1 by his old club, Richmond, and being put out of the Dockerty Cup by St Albans.

"One of my problems has been with players," he said. "They have let me down. I had only

eight players for our dockery Cup match and had to call on our reserves at the last minute.

"But now that we've had a clear out all my players are loyal to the club. The committee is backing me 100 per cent and they are dead keen on making it a good side this year."

"We have a supporters club and we have a Meet the Players Night on March 17, at 8 pm. At this meeting I will suggest we form a ladies auxiliary like we had at Morwell," said Dave.



# Berger's find ideal player

## Contract headaches

The Zoran Iljoski saga is over for another year.

The star Footscray midfielder invariably gives the president and officials headaches galore every time contract renewal time comes around and this season has been no exception.

He held out for better terms throughout the close season and had still not signed until president Jack Karc put his foot down last week.

We spoke after training last week and gave him 24 hours to make up his mind. I told him I won't change my terms and I'd not have any problems after that. We have been close to signing for some weeks - the difference has only been a few hundred dollars - but I have been a matter of principle to get him to come down to our terms.

Another of Footscray's players to renew his contract is centre-back Jim Kondarios.

The player has still not signed but has reached a gentlemen's agreement on terms with the club.

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton has found the ideal playmaker, former Sunderland midfielder, Robert Vincent.

Twenty years of age Vincent joined Heidelberg a fortnight ago and has shown tremendous promise.

The robust midfielder started his career at Newcastle, at the age of 10.

As a junior, Vincent became a permanent member of the National Schools team and won three caps with the English Youth Team.

His career at Newcastle came to an abrupt end, when he was denied promotion to the first team. Disappointed, Vincent joined Sunderland and gradually



JIMMY SHOULDER

worked his way through to the top, to become a permanent member of the squad.

Adventurous by nature Vincent accepted Morton's tempting offer and packed his suitcases for Australia in search of a new career. Vincent was a member of the English Youth Team

By Con Nikolopoulos

which thrashed Jimmy Shoulder's Institute team 10-0, during an England tour.

## Dead end for Cutler

Gary Cutler is seeking a new club after "being mucked around" for almost two months by State League club Juventus.

The Albion full-back won a lot of admirers in his first State League season since coming from England after serving an apprenticeship at Wolves.

But he fell out with Rovers after the club sacked coach Frank Munro who was the man responsible for bringing Cutler to Australia.

Juventus showed interest in Cutler in December but since then has gradually been signing other players for the defence without sorting out his transfer.

He has now abandoned the idea but finds himself handicapped because of his temporary visa status. Most clubs have already filled their temporary spots and he might find it hard to get fixed up for the start of the season despite his good reputation.

Albion has in the meantime already signed Eddie Gray from South Melbourne to fill the visa vacancy but will not be able to use the winger until Cutler is cleared to another club.

Cutler can be contacted on 3380172.

## RASIC GRABS BROWN

Rale Rasic is patting himself on the back for his swift move to acquire Preston's target man Doug Brown.

The explosive striker has added the fire South's forward line lacked for many years, and Rasic is adamant Brown will form a formidable striking duo with "Sniffer" Egan.

The "Brown Bomber" made a dream debut for South Melbourne in his National Cup game against Preston scoring two of their four goals.

Brown was transferred in a swap deal with wee Georgie Campbell.



The brilliant winger Doug Brown who was transferred in a swap deal with George Campbell from Preston to South Melbourne. Photo: John Punshon.

## Northcote's SOS for striker

By Peter Desira

Tony Vrzina's aggressive plan to change Northcote City from a relegation-haunted side into a strong force capable of challenging for honors has been hampered by injuries.

So far Steve Moore, John Creany, Sammy Wright, Arthur Patinotis, and George Mikos have missed part of the pre-season campaign and Vrzina is beginning to despair waiting for the tide to turn.

Moore, signed from Western Suburbs, required an operation after damaging his shoulder at work and only restarted training last week.

Creany, another close season signing, was injured in his first practice match for Northcote after crossing from Albion and will be lacking match fitness by the time the league starts.

Midfielder Sammy Wright was sidelined with cracked ribs and won't be back in the running for a first team spot for another week.

Patinotis and Mikos are two promising youngsters promoted to the senior side this year. Patinotis, a full-back went down with a groin injury while Mikos had an appendix operation and is yet to resume.

On top of that Colin Quigley was sent off in a practice match and might miss the start of the league campaign depending on a tribunal hearing.

"Things don't look too good at the moment but I'm convinced we'll have a good team when everyone returns," Vrzina said.

"The committee is looking at stabilising its position in the State League but I'm never happy with that sort of aim. If I get a good striker my aim is a place in the top four although it's going to be a hard fight with so many clubs aspiring highly this season."

The coach welcomed two Irishmen Geoff Gorman and Mark Wilson into the side last week.

Gorman, 29, is a defender while Wilson, who has represented Northern Ireland at Under 21 level, can play in defence or midfield. Wilson is still only 21.

The pair have taken up two of the club's

three temporary visa vacancies but the remaining spot will now be kept open until the club finds a good striker overseas.

"We have got two good wingers in Jim Sahinidis and Branko Culina and all I need now is a big striker to turn their good work into goals," said Vrzina.

Sahinidis has been recalled after a season on loan to Caulfield City.

"He is one of the most skillful players in the State League and is playing very well. His attitude is the only thing that let him down in the past but I'm trying to get him to change that now."

Culina, a \$6000 buy from St Albans, has not yet reached peak form but Vrzina says it will only be a matter of time.

Branko is getting a bit frustrated but I want him to calm down and play the simple ball, instead of trying the impossible stuff and getting nowhere."

Vrzina was at one stage chasing South Melbourne striker Duncan Cummings but is no longer interested.

"I've dropped out of the running because I feel Cummings' attitude is not good enough. He didn't keep appointments with us and I understand he has also let down George Cross. I don't know what he wants but I know that as far as I'm concerned, attitude is the number one requirement when I'm signing a player."

"I wouldn't want him now if he was given to me free."

The type of player Vrzina is interested in is an Alun Evans or a Branko Buljevic. He has approached Evans and is waiting for the striker to give him an answer.

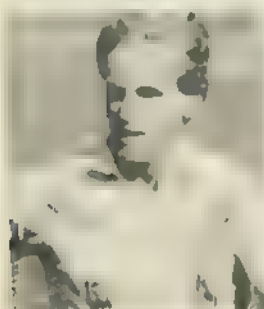
The other signing Vrzina wants to make is goalkeeper Rocky Tachris. But the coach says that the deal has soured the club's relations with Sunshine George Cross.

Tachris crossed from Northcote to Cross last year for free and had a good season.

This year he does not figure in Tony Vrzina's plans yet Cross is demanding a \$2000 fee for the keeper.

"We are very upset about the matter. Tachris is coming back to his old club after giving them a good season. Cross should take that into consideration."

## COLE IS OUT OF ACTION



Heidelberg's goal machine, Gary Cole, has been sidelined indefinitely, by a nasty leg injury.

According to club sources, the nature of the injury is such that Gary faces the grim prospect of missing most of the 1983 season.

Surgery appears inevitable at this stage, because of the discouraging response to treatment of the injury.

Gary is the second casualty.

Ace midfielder Jimmy Campbell will be out of action for six weeks because of the serious leg injury he received in the Ampol Cup final against Green Gully when his side lost 0-5.



A line study of Preston's new import Zarko Odjakov, a player who looks like making a name for himself in the National League this season. Photo: John Punshon.

## FALCONS THANK VIC JUNIORS

MORWELL Falcons have never had it so good according to their popular president, Don DiFabrizio.

They have just had a visit from the Victorian under 18 squad led by coach Tony Dunkerley.

Don said it was a splendid gesture by the VSF board of management to send the team to Morwell and allow them to play against the State League side.

The result of the match was a win to Falcons 3-2 but the game was enjoyed by all those present.

Falcons coach, Tony Boggi, said: "They played very well. Tony Dunkerley has done a good job with them. They are a credit to Victoria." — Fred Villiers





## Georgie chase Falcons striker

By Peter Desira

**Sunshine George Cross has joined the queue of clubs showing interest in transfer-listed Morwell Falcons striker Richie McClunie.**

"The first to come up with the \$1,500 stipulated in his contract can have him," Falcons coach Tony Boggi said.

Apart from Cross, Albion Rovers and Broadmeadows have shown interest.

McClunie was joint top scorer at Morwell with 12 goals in 25 league games last year. He joined Falcons from Helias Hakoah where he had managed four goals in 19 league matches over two seasons.

### CROYDON GROUNDED

Croydon's plans for a new complex at Dorset Gardens has grounded to a slow halt because of the prohibitive costs in providing services to the area.

The steering committee appointed by Croydon council to look after the complex had an architect draw up plans for a complex which would cost in excess of one million dollars.

But if the project is to go ahead plans for buildings will have to be less elaborate.

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Dave Morrison has taken on the job as assistant to Norm Flanagan at Bulli this season.

A Scot, Morrison was with Corral last year and played a major role in that club's reserve grade side going through the premiership undefeated.

Preston's latest import, Zarko Odjakov, leaves a trail of beaten opponents behind him as he prepares to beat a challenge by Harry Hird (Juventus), at Melbourne's Olympic Park. Photo: John Punshon.

## TWO FOR FOOTSCRAY

Bobby McLachlan is scouring the local market for bargain basement buys and wants to make two signings in time for this week's National League kick-off.

"It's heartbreaking that the powers-that-be are making it so hard for the small clubs to build a good team while they sit in the luxury offices smoking their cigars," McLachlan said.

"I could get players like Doug Brown, Paul Lewis or Ian Dobson for a total of 6000 dollars from overseas. But if you try to buy those players locally it will cost you at least 50,000. With that sort of system, the rich clubs can only end up getting richer and the poor, poorer."

McLachlan regularly gets phone calls from overseas players seeking to come to Australia to play here.

Most of them are quality players who would strengthen his side but he is unable to accommodate them because he has no temporary visa spots in his side.

The latest to call was former Marconi captain Billy Millen offering two top players from Ireland.

Millen brought out Irish international Colin McCurdy and highly rated midfielder Dave Nixon to play for Northcote last year.

McLachlan's temporary visa spots are taken by Gus MacLeod, Vlado Pljevaljic and Joe Carroll.

The coach has to create a vacancy for another player he intends to sign - Eric Sinclair, a top rated striker currently playing for Premier League club Dundee in Scotland.

"Still we have to function to the best of our ability and look around for something locally at the right price. I have five or six names I'm looking at and I hope to be able to do something before the start of the season."

West Australia is an un-lapped source for players and McLachlan has not dismissed going there in search for a signing.

His squad has been strengthened by Kyri Kyriakoulas, who has returned from Apollo Bay.

# Midfield is Footscray problem

By Peter Desira

**Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan is to step up his search for a midfielder — to inject a bit of steel in a "powder puff" midfield starving his forward line of the service it deserves.**

"We have players with a lot of delicate skills but they're so easily bowled off the ball. There is no strength, there is no power," the coach said.

"It's pointless signing goalscorers if they hardly get to see the ball for most of the game."

McLachlan is being criticised by supporters for signing Gus MacLeod because the striker has yet to hit the form he was so renowned for at Green Gully.

But whereas at Gully, the players adapted their game to suit him, the veteran forward is getting only a small percentage of the crosses he likes best. He still has to get a fellow striker tuned in to his knock downs in the area.

### Be patient

New signing Joe Carroll should help solve the problem over the coming weeks but club president Jack Karic asks for supporters

to be patient in the meantime.

"We played the European style of football for many years. We have given the job now to a coach who favors the British system and are fully behind him in his attempt to get us higher up the table."

"But it cannot be done overnight and until it fits into place supporters must be patient."

"I am still confident we will have a good year and will do much better than last season. Our midfield is not the best at the moment but it will be improved on in the coming weeks."

The club has renewed its interest in Doveton's John Dowie to strengthen the midfield but it is meeting stubborn resistance from the State League club.

Club secretary Lou Tonovski said that Footscray upped its bid to around \$7,000 for the player but the Doves are still not interested.

Doveton secretary Jim McLaine denied any knowledge of such bids but said that Dowie is not for sale anyway.

"Certainly no one from Footscray has contacted me."

"But in any case we don't intend to release John at all this season," he said.

### Agreement

"We reached an agreement with him last week - we know his importance to our team and we decided to look after him a bit better."

"That was done with the help of a group of supporters because the club is not all that financial this year."

McLaine says that once Dowie fulfills the second year of his contract he will be free to join another club at the end of the season.

"John has applied for permanent residency and if he gets that, we have agreed to let him move to another club and seek only reimbursement for our expenses on him."

Nevertheless that doesn't solve Footscray's immediate problem and McLachlan must look elsewhere to solve his problems in the middle of the park.

The coach says he is considering three or four players but will not divulge names.

Karic made a \$5,000 offer for John Stevenson but South coach Rale Rasic is holding out and believes that \$7,000 is a more appropriate figure for the former Sydney City midfielder.

### MILLER SOLVES DOWES PROBLEM

Doveton has resolved its fullback problem by signing Andy Miller from Melbourne for a bargain \$500.

The Doves had been interested in Preston fullback Steve Beech but the player failed to turn up for three appointments set up by the club and then upset the club by playing in a practice match for Frankston Pines.

Miller has had previous State League experience. He made 29 league appearances in 1977-78 with Prahran Slavia.

### GARDINER WANTS TO PLAY

Joe Sigur's statement that John Gardiner will hang up his boots and concentrate on coaching seems to have been made without consulting Gardiner himself.

The Melbourne Croatia coach is still keen to play and has no plans to retire yet.

But if Croatia does get his release from Green Gully he will not play as sweeper for the club.

"I'm very pleased with the way Keith Adams is playing in that position. If I play in that position, if I play it will probably be in midfield," he said.

## Preston will keep coach

By Fred Villiers

**Peter Ollerton won't get the sack from Preston despite rumors that he's on the way out.**

After Preston's 4-0 defeat by South Melbourne in their National Cup match at Middle Park, the Preston executive held a special meeting.

The question of Ollerton and his coaching position was discussed and all agreed he should stay with the

club.

John Christou, club secretary, said, "All talk about Ollerton being sacked is a lot of garbage."

"He's not going unless he resigns himself but there will be changes."

"New players are coming. We're looking at a defender and a striker."

"It's upsetting to read about Ollerton getting the sack."

"We have no intention of getting rid of him."



Peter Ollerton

John gave his prediction for the season claiming Preston "will finish above South Melbourne in the NSL."



The brothers MacLeod line up against each other. Left is Don, of Heidelberg, right is Gus, of Footscray. Photo: John Punshon.



# You, too, can become a star

There are many thousands of schoolboys around Australia who dream of playing for their country in international soccer.

They could well make their idol Tom McCulloch, captain of the Australian Youth team.

Tom came through the ranks just as they are doing.

He lived in Marrickville and played for the local suburb club.

Then his family moved to Sydney's outer western suburbs, so next thing he joined up with Lethbridge Park Rangers.

Tom had a lot of skill and he soon was playing in the youth teams of National Soccer League club Marconi.

He was picked out to go further in the game. Soccer being such a big international sport, he has had the chance to travel to many overseas countries already.

He played for Australia in the World Youth Championship preliminary series in Port Moresby.

Australia won through, and next he was off to Mexico to play in a special tournament against some of the world's best young players.

Next he was away with Australian coach Les Scheinflug and the national youth team to Costa Rica in Central America.

Australia managed to defeat Israel and Costa Rica, and in May he will be off to Mexico for the World finals.

For the second time Tom will play in the United States, because some warm-up games may be played in California, just as they were on the last trip.

To succeed in soccer calls for ability, tremendous dedication and willingness to learn.

If you have that you may be one of the players who could take Tom McCulloch's place in a few years' time.



Australian Youth team captain Tom McCulloch is introduced to Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua-New Guinea, at the tournament in Port Moresby. Also pictured are Paul Japhlom, president of the Papua-New Guinea football Association and Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George.

## Mini-soccer this year

This year the NSW Amateur competitions for juniors have fallen in line with National Junior Council requirements.

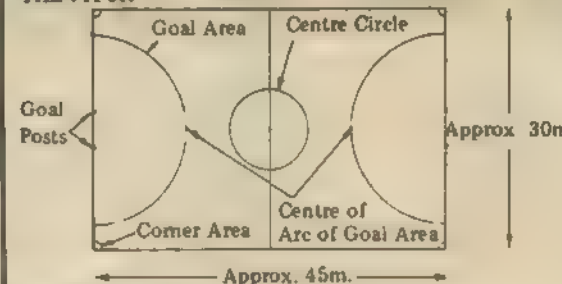
Competitions for under seven players and below are to be introduced to the elements of soccer along the lines of the rules first instituted in the Ku-ring-gai district.

There are two field lay-outs recommended. For players up to under eight the configuration is simplicity indeed.

For under nine and ten players the field is more closely aligned to a senior pitch as set out in the Laws of the game.

Here is the position up to the eight, where no points are allocated.

### THE PITCH



### PITCH MEASUREMENTS:

Goals: 1.5m by 4.5m. Goal Area: 12m radius semi-circle drawn from centre of goal line. Centre Circle: 5m radius. Corner Area: 1m radius.

### THE BALL: Size 3

**THE DURATION OF GAMES:** Under 7: 20 minutes each way. 5 minutes for half-time. Under 8: 20 minutes each way. 5 minutes for half-time.

### THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

- A maximum of 8 players may be registered per team.
- Games will be conducted between teams of 6 players: one player in each team being nominated as goalkeeper.
- All players in attendance at a game shall play at least half a game unless injured (see Playing Rules regarding substitution for injured players in second half of games).

### THE PLAYING RULES:

Games will be played according to the FIFA Laws of Association Football with the following modifications:

- Games will be conducted as friendly games, competition points and trophies will not apply.
- Goalkeepers may be taken from anywhere inside the Goal Area (see diagram of pitch).
- Corner kicks will be taken from the Corner Area (see diagram of pitch).
- There will be no penalty kicks.
- All free kicks awarded inside the Goal Area (i.e. for both sides) will be taken with the ball placed on the arc defining the Goal Area at the point nearest the position of the offence.
- The off-side law does not apply.
- A player marking or obstructing the opposing goalkeeper will be penalised by an indirect free kick taken from the centre of the arc defining the Goal Area.
- Referees will be as stated on K.D.S.A. Match Cards.
- An injured player who is unable to continue to play may be substituted in the second half of a game by a player who has already played in the game.
- No coaching will be allowed from the side-line except by the coach and then only if information is given quietly in a non-hysterical manner.

## Talent needed

Gladesville Hornsby, one of the best nursery districts in Sydney, is digging for more junior talent for its representative teams.

Trials are taking place at its headquarters at Santa Rosa Park, Bridge Rd, North Ryde next Sunday March 20.

The under 11s play at 2.30 and the under 12s at 4 pm.

Ken Clance (Tel 80 2100) is in charge, and is looking for suitably qualified coaches as well.



"Be a good chap. This time don't spend so much time cheating to our 'keeper'."



## KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

### Enter now for the Serderon prize!

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Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: first \$300, second \$200, third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each.

The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



Southern and Eastern is the smallest Association in Sydney but they are gradually spreading their wings. Their junior section had 2123 registered players in 1982, an increase of 187 on the previous year. They also have a huge senior competition spread over many divisions. Maroubra club fields 20 teams. Sydney City 19, Queens Park and Maccabi 18 each. Pictured are some of the youngsters of the district enjoying their game.

## GO EAST & SOUTH



These four bright youngsters played last year for Southern and Eastern Association under 10 side, and are ambitious to go ahead in football. They were fortunate to have as coach a great soccer enthusiast in Peter Russell. When local referee and former S&E Soccer News editor Joe Marton interviewed them Frank, George and Matthew all said their ambition was to play for Sydney Olympic. Jamie hedged a bit. He will be looking for a place with either Olympic or Sydney City when the time comes.



A representative team lustie Southern and Eastern's Warwick Ashburner is seen at full steam with eyes on the ball as he chases an opponent.

## Western NSW excels

Western NSW will not be taken lightly by other branches when the NSW State Championships are contested this season.

The West last year was the first country association to win a State Championship in a competition in which Sydney Branch teams played.

They managed it in the under 9 and 12 grades against some very hot opposition.

The various titles involved more grades than ever before and once again the format of playing some finals in the country was a winner.

The list of 1982 major awards is:

**NSW AMATEUR CUP:** Winner — Sylvania Heights. Runner-up — Epping YMCA.

**NSW U21 ROBERTSON CUP:** Winner — Panania R.S.L. Runner-up — Wahroonga.

**UNDER 18 STATE CUP:** Winner — St Andrews, Eastwood. Runner-up — Panania R.S.L.

**UNDER 16 STATE CUP:** Winner — Castle Hill Sports. Runner-up — Wanderers Southern Tablelands.

**CHAMPIONS OF THE STATE:** U/9 Western N.S.W., U/10 Granville, U/11 Granville, U/12 Western N.S.W., U/14 Polonia, U/15 Marconi, U/16 St George, U/18 Riverina, U/13 Granville.



Southern and Eastern Association's under 11 representatives of 1982. Many of the boys will advance this year into the under 12 team.

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# Exchange deal with New Zealand

**Links forged by soccer tours have resulted in an exchange students plan between Newcastle and New Zealand schools.**

This year Henderson High School from Auckland brings their team to Cessnock, Whitebridge and Cardiff.

In recent seasons northern schools have played host to Rosehill College, Cambridge High and Hillcrest High.

The principles behind the tour, recommended by president Bill Turner and accepted in both soccer and schools circles, are that the visits must not only be for soccer but must have an adequate content of cultural activities and field excursions.

Hillcrest, a suburb of Hamilton in the Waikato Valley of New Zealand's North Island, made their visit in May last year.

After a match against Barker College in Sydney, Hillcrest High visited Warners Bay (Lake Macquarie), Kurri Kurri (Coalfields) and Waratah (Newcastle).

This tour was an outstanding success in every way.

Following that the principals, teachers and students of Warners Bay, Kurri Kurri and Hillcrest set out the guidelines for a general students' exchange project.

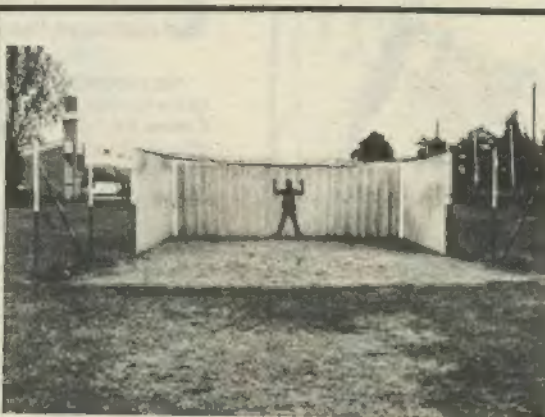
The parents came right in behind the scheme.

Twelve Hillcrest students arrive in Newcastle on April 3, four of whom go to Kurri Kurri and eight to Warners Bay.

They go home after six weeks stay, taking with them 12 year-9 students.

The lucky ones are Liza

Zielinski, Michaelle Spindler, Sharron Magann, Jason Hhyham (Kurri) and Alison Scobie, Lucy Denham, Bronwyn Beaver, Natalie Clulow, Carolyn Porter, Julie Kristensen, Gavin Dyett and Kylie Williams (Warners Bay).



One of the simple shooting boxes suggested by Richard Alagich. Others had numbered sections on the wall, enabling players to test their ability for accuracy.



Richard Alagich is seen here with friends and trophies won by the famous Dynamo club in Yugoslavia. To Alagich's left is Mirko Bazic, who progressed through from Dynamo's junior director of coaching to first team coach and senior coaching director. To his right is former Dynamo winger Zdenko Kobescak, now a highly trained coaching specialist.

## The whole shooting box

Last season AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY ran a series of feature coaching stories from latest information provided by Richard Alagich.

On display these were pictures of suggested shooting boxes. These included simple goal walls with side wings to keep the ball in play, through to a four-sided box with cement walls in cross shape which allows four shooting areas to be used at the same time.

Richard Alagich laid out other schemes as used in Yugoslavia to help develop youth players to the highest standards.

We all know that various shooting boxes and other equipment is readily available to schoolboys and juniors at dozens and dozens of soccer grounds around Sydney and elsewhere.

But did any club find that they gained fresh ideas on equipment or on coaching methods from the series.

If so we would like to hear about it. Just write to ASW, Box 406, Broadway NSW 2007. Maybe you have some further ideas we can pass around.

## KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

### Amateurs go into business

The NSW Amateur Federation is registering its logo with the Trade Marks Office in a bid to improve its income.

Whilst the initial registration and fees of the Patent Attorney amount to some \$1400, it will not be long before the logo pays off handsomely.

Three manufacturers snapped up the rights as soon as they became available.

Others are on the way towards completing negotiations.

The logo will be included on soccer strips marketed by the companies concerned immediately.

Samples provided by the makers were of high quality and were quickly approved.

The design has been registered for five categories



of goods. These include such items as leather goods, nets, clothing, games and sporting articles, soft drinks and beverages.

At a time when money is particularly hard to raise it is good to see the Amateurs moving in to capitalise on their enterprise. The rewards will certainly come.

## Big sponsor for St Marys

By Keith Gilmour

St Marys RSL Youth Soccer Club has received a magnificent \$6,000 boost for sponsors Raytheon International Data System of North Sydney.

Club publicity officer Lance McMillan said that the company's generosity had set up the club with all its gear for its first season in Inter Urban Division 5 soccer.

"Raytheon was looking for a connection with sport and we were delighted when they accepted our proposal."

"Eight of our players came from the St Marys Soccer Club team that won the under-16 NSW Championships of Champions competition last season with a 2-0 win over Albury Hotspurs."

"Some of them will be in this year's first team and others with the reserves, but our 29-man pool of players includes some outstanding talent," he said.

The club's other big plus is that out of the blue the St Marys RSL Club also offered to take them under their wing.

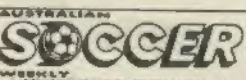
The major sponsorship enabled the club to acquire complete sets of the best strips, training equipment, and plenty of gear and ground markers etc.

The St Marys RSL colours are royal blue with a 2 1/2 inch red band down the left hand side, on which their sponsor's name appears in white letters.

Brian Embury, well credentialed and with a lot of local experience is the first team coach. Wally Moy is handling the reserves.

Manager Mike Reilly combined with Moy in bringing the 1982 under-16 team through to win the Champion of Champions for the best amateur team in their age group in NSW.

Home ground for the club is Parker Street Kingswood.



## Youth coaches

### Marconi kids in good win

Manager Keith Charles is confident that Marconi's current under 16 team will get away to a bright start this year.

They have looked extremely sharp in their trials and Charles reckons that he has a number of future Marconi National League stars in the team.

Recently the boys had a 6-1 win over Canterbury-Marrickville's under 16 unit in a match played at Marconi Stadium.

The team on the day was D. Pupovac, M. Karbownik, J. Veneri, D. Mutton, R. Marco, R. Clark, Z. Markovski, R. Monsalve, K. Black, A. Parison and J. Psaras.

Reserves were T. Tsitsios, G. McCulloch and C. Kuzhanovic.

John Veneri picked up two goals, with Marco, Markovski, Monsalve and Psaras the other scorers.

Canberra has now filled three of its four top coaching positions for 1983. State and Under-18 coach will again be Les Bee, the Under-15 coach will be Laurie (Jock) Coulter and the Under-14 coach, Bob Goodwin.

The Under-16 coaching position is expected to be filled in the near future.



A junior girl player pondering her future.

## MARCONI'S KIDS



UNDER 14 FEDERATION - Finished competition in 2nd position.

Left to Right: Top Row - T. Giansante (manager), G. Luccitti, R. Mavrunac, R. Gleria, K. Baker, R. Giansante, R. Fontana, A. Moschen (Coach)  
Bottom Row - G. Jovica, G. Bitmamoo, J. Micholas, R. Morena, L. Cattarin, F. Grande. Absent: T. Gerace, R. Calderan, S. Cardillo, E. Calderan (Masseur)

## PADSTOW PARK SOCCER CLUB

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## Herbin gets Le boot

THE resumption in France, after their short winter break, marked the end of an era for St. Etienne.

At home to Laval they drew 1-1 before a crowd of only 8,357 and for the first time played under their new manager-coach Guy Briet.

Their former boss, Robert Herbin, had been dismissed a week earlier despite having a contract that did not expire until the end of the 1984-85 season.

Herbin, now 43, is undoubtedly the most distinguished coach in France and will be much sought after.

He has been with St. Etienne since he was 18. From 1957 to 1972 he was a player, winning 23 caps, five League Championship medals and three FA Cup winners medals.

Then in 1972, on retirement, he succeeded Albert Batteux as boss and led The Greens ('Les Verts') to four more Championships, the last in 1981, and three F.A. Cup Final victories as well as the European Cup Final in 1976 when they lost to Bayern Munich in Glasgow.

# NO OSSIE IN THE NEW

## ARGENTINA

**C**ESAR Luis Menotti is no longer boss of the Argentine national team — and that's bad news for Ossie Ardiles.

His successor is virtually certain to be former Estudiantes hard man Carlos Bilardo, who played in the World Club Championship against Manchester United in 1968.

A Buenos Aires sports weekly, however, has already come up with Argentina's team for the South American Championship group matches against Brazil and Ecuador later this year.

Estadio magazine says that a source close to Bilardo maintains the future boss will only keep goalkeeper Fillol and Maradona from the team that played in the World Cup Finals in Spain last year and only one reserve in that side is included in the 11, Trossero, the Independiente centre-back. There is no place for Ardiles' delicate skills in Iron man Bilardo's team.

A familiar face to English fans will, supposedly, be getting his chance in the national team at last. Claudio Marangoni, formerly of Sunderland and now with Independiente, could play in central midfield.

The matches, with home and away legs, are scheduled for next July and September, when Maradona will be free during the Spanish close season and hopefully cured of the hepatitis that kept him out of the European Super Cup against Aston Villa and other Barcelona commitments.

And, the magazine adds, the Argentine team will have played two friendlies by then that will cover the two-match suspension imposed on the Barcelona star for his sending off in Argentina's World Cup clash against Brazil last July.



# FIFA man says small is great

The future belongs to the dwarfs — this is the surprising conclusion of a FIFA Technical Committee which studied trends at the 1983 World Cup.

According to a report by Committee chairman Karl-Heinz Marotzke, smaller players with greater mobility are often the key men of their teams.

Marotzke says these observations can be confirmed by experiences gained in the Bundesliga

where small players like Littbarski, Milewski, Thomas Allofs or the lightly built Rummenigge often dominate their matches.

"The domination of smaller players can be explained by the development of modern tactical patterns," he says.

"With soccer having become faster and more physical, the game has become tighter, especially near the goalmouths.

"Under such conditions

skill and mobility are once again becoming all important."

Players like the giant Horst Hrubesch of Hamburg will become rarities, Marotzke predicts.

"The French team was built on their two small but brilliant midfielders, Tigana and Giresse, Italy's key man was the tiny Conti," the reports says.

Marotzke and his colleagues then conclude that while the game has become faster — players tend to run less, having returned to the old adage: the ball is faster than the fastest player.

Editor's comment: One can argue for ever about

theories, including this one.

However, to claim that the world has discovered the value of short players only in Spain is nonsense.

One still remembers smallish or lightly built geniuses like Matthews, Finney, Greaves, Garrincha, Puskas, Pele, Mazzola, Rivera, Kops and dozens of others from the past.

Soccer has always had small players — and dubious theories.

This — prepared at enormous FIFA expenses — is one of them.

## ARGENTINA

Hector Casimiro Yasalde, former Argentine World Cup member alleged that the 1974 Polish World Cup team received US\$25,000 to defeat Italy. Roberto Perfumo, former Argentine defender and the 1982 Polish World Cup players denied that such an allegation was true.

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Rough tactics dominate Argentine League championship and violence amongst the spectators in the stands. The reasons given include the harsh financial situation of the country.

## W. GERMANY

Bayern Munchen's Belgian goalie Jean-Marie Pfaff will be out of action for seven weeks with torn muscles.

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## AUSTRIA

The Austrian Walter Schachner, now playing for the small Cesena in Italy, is likely to transfer to Fiorentina soon.

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Austria has decided to send 18 players and seven officials to the World Youth Finals in Mexico in June — the number of travellers whose expenses are met by FIFA.

## SPAIN

According to Spanish statisticians, the average time lost in a soccer match is 34 minutes out of the 90.

## ENGLAND

Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough says only a three-year suspension of televised matches could bring the crowds back to English soccer.

## PORTUGAL

Portugal's new national coach, the Brazilian Otto Gloria didn't last long: he has resigned because he was not getting any cooperation from leading clubs

such as Benfica and Sporting. Only a week earlier his Portugal — without the Benfica and Sporting stars — beat West Germany 1-0 in Lisbon.

## ITALY

Inter Milan are very interested in signing top Brazilian midfielder Toninho Cerezo.

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Dino Zoff, Italy's indestructible goalkeeper, celebrated his 41st birthday earlier this month. Zoff's record: 110 matches for Italy and 562 in the Italian first division.

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Former Brazilian and then Italian international star Jose Altafini has been engaged by AC Torino as development coach.

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The Italian newspaper "Tuttosport" has polled its readers to determine the greatest ever player of the country. The outcome: 1. Meazza, 2. Valentino Mazzola, 3. Riva, 4. Piola, 5. Rivera, 6. Ferrari, 7. Boniperti, 8. Sandro Mazzola, 9. Zoff, 10. Maroso.

## YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia is preparing a strong bid to hold the 1990 World Cup finals. On April 10 FIFA president Joao Havelange will visit Belgrade to hold preliminary discussions with officials.

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Three coaches in Yugoslavia have taken steps against the chance of being dismissed by their clubs — they are also the presidents.

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Former Yugoslav international goalie and then star of various French clubs such as Marseille and Bastia, Pantelic has become the new coach of Vojvodina.

## BRAZIL

Botafogo have announced that their stadium will be renamed after the recently passed away Garrincha.

## HUNGARY

Gyula Lazar, one of the greats of Hungarian soccer in the 1930s, died in Budapest at the age of 72. Lazar was a brilliant wing half of Ferencvaros and played 49 times for Hungary.

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Hungary will play a friendly international against Portugal on April 12, in Lisbon. The last time the two teams met was during the 1966 World Cup in Manchester — Portugal winning 3-1.

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In a friendly match, Hungary beat Austria Wien 4-0 in Budapest — and the star performers were the often criticised Nyilasi and Tórossik.

## RUMMENIGGE ROLLING IN IT

SOME idea of how much money Kevin Keegan earned in West Germany can be gauged from the current earnings of the biggest names in the Bundesliga at present.

Apart from what they earn with their clubs — probably in the region of £170,000 — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Paul Breitner and Toni Schumacher are said to have earned £320,000, £200,000 and £215,000 respectively from commercial deals in 1982.

Rummenigge, for instance, gets £100,000 a year from Fuji, the Japanese film manufacturers.

Schumacher earns £45,000 from hi-fi specialists JVC, £40,000 from McDonalds hamburger chain and £25,000 from Adidas — and that's for starters. The Cologne goalkeeper has many other 'little' deals which boost his income considerably.

Breitner shaved off his beard last year and I don't blame him — he now earns £65,000 for promoting a certain after-shave. And his World Cup book brought him £50,000.







### UNHAPPY RADUCANU

RUMANIAN international Marcel Raducanu is unhappy in Germany with Borussia Dortmund and wants to return to his native country.

Although he has been playing brilliantly this season, Raducanu has been unsettled in Dortmund because the Romanian authorities have refused to allow his wife Nicolina and son Andre-Philip to join him in Germany.

Unfortunately, Borussia chairman Ralf Vogt is none too appreciative of Raducanu's problems.

"He is in Borussia to play football. Even if his family are dead that is not the club's fault. If he plays for anybody else they will have to pay at least £800,000," he says.



### Platini worry

JUVENTUS have invited French manager Michel Hidalgo to go to Turin to advise them about Michel Platini.

The French World Cup captain is having a poor season in Italy, looking a pale shadow of his former self, and Juventus are desperate to see the real Platini by the time they face Aston Villa in the European Cup Quarter-Finals.

### COLOMBIA

Colombian soccer relies heavily on other South American imports. According to a recent poll, four of the country's five best players are foreigners.

Barcelona's German star Bernd Schuster's wife is expecting her third child. If it will be a boy, he will be named Jordi — the patron saint of the province of Catalonia.

A car manufacturer has offered Maradona a publicity contract worth \$300,000. Maradona has yet to accept...

### DOMINGO'S BINGO BLUNDER

HALF of the action in Spain seems to be taking place in the law courts these days, with Quini's kidnappers on trial; Real Madrid winger Juanito suing Barcelona president Josep Lluís Núñez for slander; the Malaga v Salamanca bribery case being heard; and Sevilla and Barcelona suing Boca Juniors and Rapid Vienna for unpaid transfer fees.

But two of the most recent cases involve Peter Barnes' club, Betis.

The club is being sued for £165,000 by the construction company who've been modernising the Benito Villamarín stadium.

And the new manager Marcel Domingo is being sued for £70,000 in debts run up by a bingo hall he helped to set up.

## Another scandal

S-c-a-n-d-a-l... this is the latest fashion in soccer. Hardly a week goes by without some sort of upheaval in one country or another: bribe, tax cheating, match fixing — you name it, they have it all.

The latest victim is Austria where a weekly newspaper has blown the lid off some strange goings-on.

The magazine claims that the Austrian Federation — OFB — has fiddled its books to cover up a debt or deficiency amounting to \$500,000.

Former OFB president Karl Sekanina — a leading politician — is also accused of having wasted public money on a VIP room in the national stadium in the Prater.

Sekanina has now withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for the OFB presidency — and some sort of investigation will be held to find out why the auditors have rejected the balance sheet — and why this piece of news was supposed to be suppressed though eventually leaked to the Press.

## Havelange not keen

Brazil v Brazil... This is what the old feud between the head of the Brazilian Federation, Gláucio Coutinho and FIFA's Brazilian president, Joao Havelange is producing.

Coutinho recently announced that Brazil could make a profit of \$150 million if they hosted the 1986 World Cup.

Havelange fired back:

"Such a forecast is absurd. Spain spent \$220 million on the World Cup last year and in 1986 an expenditure of \$300 million would be needed.

"Brazil's current economic climate isn't healthy. My advice to them would be to apply for the 1994 World Cup."

### BELGIUM

In order to swell the club's coffers, the Belgian Anderlecht has banned TV coverage of their Euro-Cup match against the Spanish Valencia on March 16.

The Chilean teams Cobrelao and Colo Colo will play against the Argentine teams Estudiantes (second in the League championship) and Ferrocarril as from end of March to June 8. The Peruvian teams Universitario de Deportes and Alianza de Lima will play against America de Cali and Deportes Tolima.

### SWITZERLAND

The chauvinistic Swiss are mellowing: players of FC Zurich elected their Yugoslav mate Jerkovic as the new captain.

### E. GERMANY

The East German Joachim Streich scored one of his country's two goals in their 2-1 win over Greece. Streich is a durable fellow: in the 1974 World Cup finals he also scored against Australia in Hamburg.

Bryan Robson, the most important player in Manchester United's star team, looks like being out of action for about five weeks.

Robson was taken to hospital for treatment to a bad ankle injury.

"Unless there's a miracle, I won't be leading United out at Wembley for the Milk Cup Final against Liverpool on March 26," said Robson.

And, despite being Britain's costliest footballer, Robson realises he will not be automatically reinstated to the Manchester United side even when he recovers.

"If United continue to do well, it's going to be very difficult for the manager to change a winning side," said a sad Bryan Robson.

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Luther Blissett of Watford, despite being a prolific goalscorer, is not above criticism — particularly from England boss Bobby Robson.

In his international debut, Blissett scored three goals for England against Luxembourg — but Robson complained that he ought to have scored more.

Against Wales recently, Blissett hit the post twice. "He's got to work harder to improve his finishing," said Robson. "The boy might have scored three goals against Wales — but he didn't. If Luther wants to become an international-class forward, he must improve his technique and finishing," is Robson's advice.

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Tony Gale, Fulham defender, described Kevin Keegan as "the most difficult opponent to face in the second division." In other words, the former England skipper is certainly no has-been.

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West Brom left-back Derek Statham had a great English international debut in the position filled for a long time by Arsenal's Kenny Sansom.

This could pose a problem for Sansom when he is ready to take over again... but it won't.

Sansom says he would be quite happy to switch to right-back — although he'd rather operate on the left flank.

"We played together at England Youth and England Under 21 level — with me on the right — so I would be prepared to make the switch in the senior team also," said Sansom.

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Neil Freeman, Northampton's goalkeeper, decided to retire from football after being sent off twice this season.

He's joined the police force!

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After 45 years in soccer as player, manager, coach and scout, Ron Stuart has left Chelsea to join the dole queue.

At 62, Stuart has seen it all and he's a man well-respected by everyone in the game. Chelsea paid him off after 12 years with them because they, like all other clubs, have to make economies.

Stuart is not bitter but he is worried about the future of football in the UK.

"There's no fun any more," he said. "Soccer has become a grim affair where nobody dares to fail. There is little room for characters or comics."

Ron Stuart, by the way, was manager of the English F.A.X1 which toured Australia some 12 years ago.

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Nottingham Forest winger Peter Ward, who has just completed a period on loan to Brighton, is wanted by Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American League.

Playing for Seattle last year, Ward was voted most valuable player in the NASL.

Forest want \$225,000 for him but neither Vancouver nor Brighton is willing to meet that figure.

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English international full-back Viv Anderson, after four months on the injured list, is playing again for Nottingham Forest — but as a sweeper, a position he doesn't like.

When Anderson dislocated a knee while training with the England squad, his place at Forest went to Kenny Swain. Now Swain has made the right-back job his own.

Anderson might solve his problems by getting a transfer.

Everton have asked Forest if he is available, although they didn't get much encouragement from Forest boss Brian Clough.

"I'm more interested in signing, than losing, international players," said Clough, adding, "Anderson is a class player."

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## BRITAIN CALLING

Even the wealthiest of football clubs are seeking ways of balancing their books.

Tottenham Hotspur are ready to sell their magnificent training headquarters at Cheshunt for \$3,500,000. If the deal goes through, they'll buy a new ground at Enfield for \$400,000.

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Pat Jennings, Arsenal's Northern Ireland international goalkeeper, achieved a record last week which will last for a long time.

When he played against West Bromwich, it was Jennings' 1,000th appearance in a first class match.

What's more, the Irishman is still one of the most capable goalkeepers playing in Britain. He is 37... and looks good to carry on until he hits his 40s.

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Just in case you were not convinced that spectators are giving British football the cold shoulder, it is interesting to note how many people turned out to see England play Wales at Wembley in the recent international. The attendance was 24,000 — and that was the smallest crowd ever to attend an international match at the famous London stadium.

England manager Bobby Robson must have been disappointed at the lukewarm response to his new look side but he said: "You can't tell the public what to do with its money. We have to make the product so good that people will spend money on football."

Robson will put a plan to the English F.A. for schoolchildren to buy blocks of tickets for big matches at a special cheap rate. These are indeed tough times.

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Peter Bonetti, who has been helping to coach Chelsea's goalkeepers recently, would like to leave his home on the Scottish island of Mull to settle again in London.

Bonetti is thinking about opening a school for goalies and believes the idea could provide him with a full-time living.

He is certainly experienced enough. During Chelsea's better days, Bonetti turned out for the club 729 times in his 20 years at Stamford Bridge. He played several times for England and retired from the game four years ago to settle in Scotland.

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England is now blessed with a surplus of outstanding midfielders — yet a desperate shortage of genuine goalscoring forwards. Among the midfielders who have impressed recently are Bryan Robson, Sammy Lee, Gary Mabbitt, Glenn Hoddle, Alan Devonshire, Ray Wilkins and Gordon Cowans. Villa's Cowans turned in a most impressive debut against Wales at Wembley. By the way, he had his first representative honour playing for England "B" at Birmingham against... Rudi Gutendorf's Australian squad.

With so many players contesting so few midfield jobs, England are seriously thinking about playing Bryan Robson, the first division's most expensive player, in defence. Robson would make an ideal sweeper and has already been called "England's Beckenbauer!"

England soon have an international match against Hungary at Wembley. Judging by the way both countries disappointed their followers at the World Cup, is it coincidence that their Wembley date has been scheduled for April Fools Day?



# Pressure, praise too much for Young 'Roos

Richard Fisk, sporting director of Radio 2GB Sydney, put an interesting question after we saw the Australian Youth side beaten 3-2 by Northern NSW at Cessnock Sports Ground.

"Were the Youth players going flat out, really trying to win?"

I said, despite their sub-standard performance, the youngsters certainly were trying their best.

Fisk pondered a while on that.

Then he said: "Which-

ever way you look at it, this performance was pretty awful.

"If the players were not trying to the maximum, why were we in Cessnock and why did people pay money to watch them?"

"Perhaps, more seriously, if the players were trying to win, we must assume the team isn't good enough."

Plenty of spectators at the Cessnock match must have been thinking along similar lines. Many expressed considerable disappointment about the way the Youth Socceroos played.

The players are particularly proud to wear Australia's green and gold and I think we have to dismiss any thoughts about their not trying.

So what was the reason for the poor exhibition from a team which has been praised to the heavens after its successes in Acapulco, Port Moresby and San Jose?

Caretaker-coach Raul Blanco and his boss Les Scheinflug — who missed the Cessnock affair — will have to make a serious and sober analysis of that.

## Overplayed?

It is possible that the youngsters have been overplayed and over-trained since they were brought together nearly five months ago before jetting to Acapulco for the Havelange Tournament.

If they've gone off the boil, gone stale, this would be one reason to explain what happened in Cessnock last week.

Also, it has been demonstrated many times in soccer, both here and overseas, that young teams often lack consistency. They can turn in brilliant games or they can be dreadful. Experienced players appear much better able to turn in a regular standard of performance. In time, the Youth Socceroos will conquer this problem. We must accept them as being immature, with all the handicaps that word implies.

Still searching for reasons for the defeat at Cessnock, could it be that the players in this Youth squad have been on the receiving end of too much publicity? Has the publicity been too heavy and sustained? Are the boys beginning to believe their press clippings and the lavish praise which, at times, appears to put them on a par with the greatest sides in the world?

It is great to give the youngsters maximum encouragement but at times some critics tend to go overboard.

A young soccer player would need to be very

level-headed to cope with the adulation heaped on these kids ... without it going to his head.

## Superman?

This could have something to do with the disappointing game turned in by Sydney Olympic's Jim Patikas against Northern NSW.



Tammy McCulloch,

There has been so much written and spoken about Patikas that the boy must feel he has to provide a superman display every time he goes on to the field. No teenager in the world could satisfy such a criterion.

I am a great admirer of Jim Patikas. At the same time, I am certain he is still learning about soccer. He is far from being the finished product. If he maintains his present rate of progress, he could, indeed, develop into an Australian soccer superstar. But he isn't in that league yet.

Patikas has been compared to Bobby Charlton. His coach at Olympic Tommy Docherty rates him better than Liverpool's Craig Johnston. He has been valued at \$2,000,000 in an Australian Greek-language newspaper.

Now to add even more weight to the enormous responsibility resting on his so-young shoulders, we are told Patikas is all set to join Barcelona in Spain. Since there is a limit on foreign players in all Spanish clubs, this might suggest that Barcelona would turf out multi-million dollar stars like Maradona or Schuster to accommodate the kid from Sydney.

Don't get me wrong. I am not knocking one of the brightest young talents in soccer in Australia. Nothing would please me more than to see young Jim climb right to the top of the tree. He has the potential to do it. But he is far

from the finished article right now.

## Pressure

The pressures on Patikas are, to a lesser extent, on many of his team mates in the Youth Soccer squad. No doubt these boys would be happy to escape from the fierce publicity limelight for

## ASF lays on wine and roses

By David Jack

The Australian Soccer Federation demonstrated last week that, whatever its other faults, it is improving its public relations activities enormously.

For the Cessnock match between the Youth Socceroos and Northern NSW, the ASF's Peter Sheean invited several members of the Sydney soccer media to be his guests.

A small motor coach was provided, leaving Clarence Street headquarters at 9.30 a.m.

In addition to Sheean and NSL secretary Steve Kamasz, the bus took people from the press, radio and TV aboard.

Lunch was laid on at one of Australia's oldest wineries, Tyrrell's in the Hunter Valley, where Tyrrell's executives Murray Flannigan and Mick Goldman were excellent hosts.

The media men were also introduced to the company's boss man Murray Tyrrell and had a conducted tour of the winery.

After a long, long, lunch, the party was transported to Cessnock Sports Ground to see the Australian Youth squad beaten 3-2 by the local Northern NSW side.

After the game, there was a quick drink at the Cessnock Rugby League club, while sandwiches and snacks were packed aboard the coach for the speedy return journey home.

Most of us were tucked up in our beds by 1 a.m. with no worries about random breath tests.

ASF gives full marks to Murray Tyrrell, Peter Sheean and Steve Kamasz who is, of course, a former employee of the winery.

## FROM THE PRESS BOX

Australian soccer is, almost continuously, in a Catch-22 situation.

We aim at improving one aspect of the game — and almost simultaneously, cause some harm.

Take television, for example. Only recently we all hailed a long-term agreement reached with Channel 7 as the savior of the game.

And in a way it is: very large sums will be generated through TV exposure — not so much from Channel 7 as from the advertisers.

As the sound of money — large sums of money — appears to make most of us pretty excited, people in soccer were madly searching for new adjectives to describe the advent of all that sweet lolly.

Far from me to show any disdain about money; even an unexpected fiver stuck in my pocket can lift my sagging morale.

TV-induced funds, obtained through the brilliant intervention of West Nally and their local trustees, will come handy to finance the exploits of our national teams.

To put it bluntly: without it we would be struggling to mount any proper campaign.

So TV is necessary — we agree.

But do we?

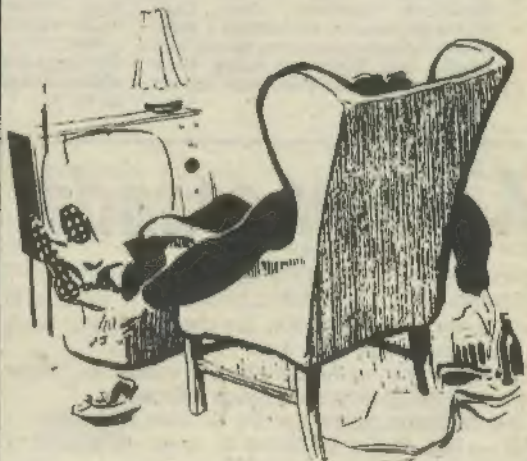
It's an established fact that television does keep fans from the terraces.

This has been proved hundreds of times in overseas countries and it must also apply to Australia.

And this is where Catch-22 comes in: the more soccer on TV — the more people will have their appetite satisfied.

We must have hundreds of thousands of TV viewers in this country who watch and, yes, enjoy soccer. But only on TV.

They will tell you, pretty convincingly, what a great game this is; what a thriller they saw last night or last week.



But never for a single moment would they even remotely consider going to a soccer match.

These people are TV addicts, not soccer addicts; they'd just as soon watch ice hockey, pro basketball, car racing or anything else that's exciting — on TV. And on TV only.

Which, I presume, is okay with the advertisers and sponsors; they don't bother to measure the affection of viewers towards the sport, just their numbers.

But — as surveys in Britain, Germany, Italy and other countries have proved it — soccer on TV does cut rather sharply into match attendances.

In fact, there is a direct reverse ratio between the amount of time devoted to soccer on television — and gate takings.

Let's be blunt about it: if, for example, one of the major channels (not the fuzzy 0-28) would televise an NSL match every Sunday afternoon, only the most fanatical would bother to go and watch a match 'live'.

The ASF, the NSL and the clubs will have to watch very carefully that TV aids soccer, doesn't destroy it.

It's up to them to make sure that we can have our cake and eat it.

— Andrew Dettre.



This is Jimmy Patikas today. The page 2 photo shows him in "formal wear" at the age of about six.

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